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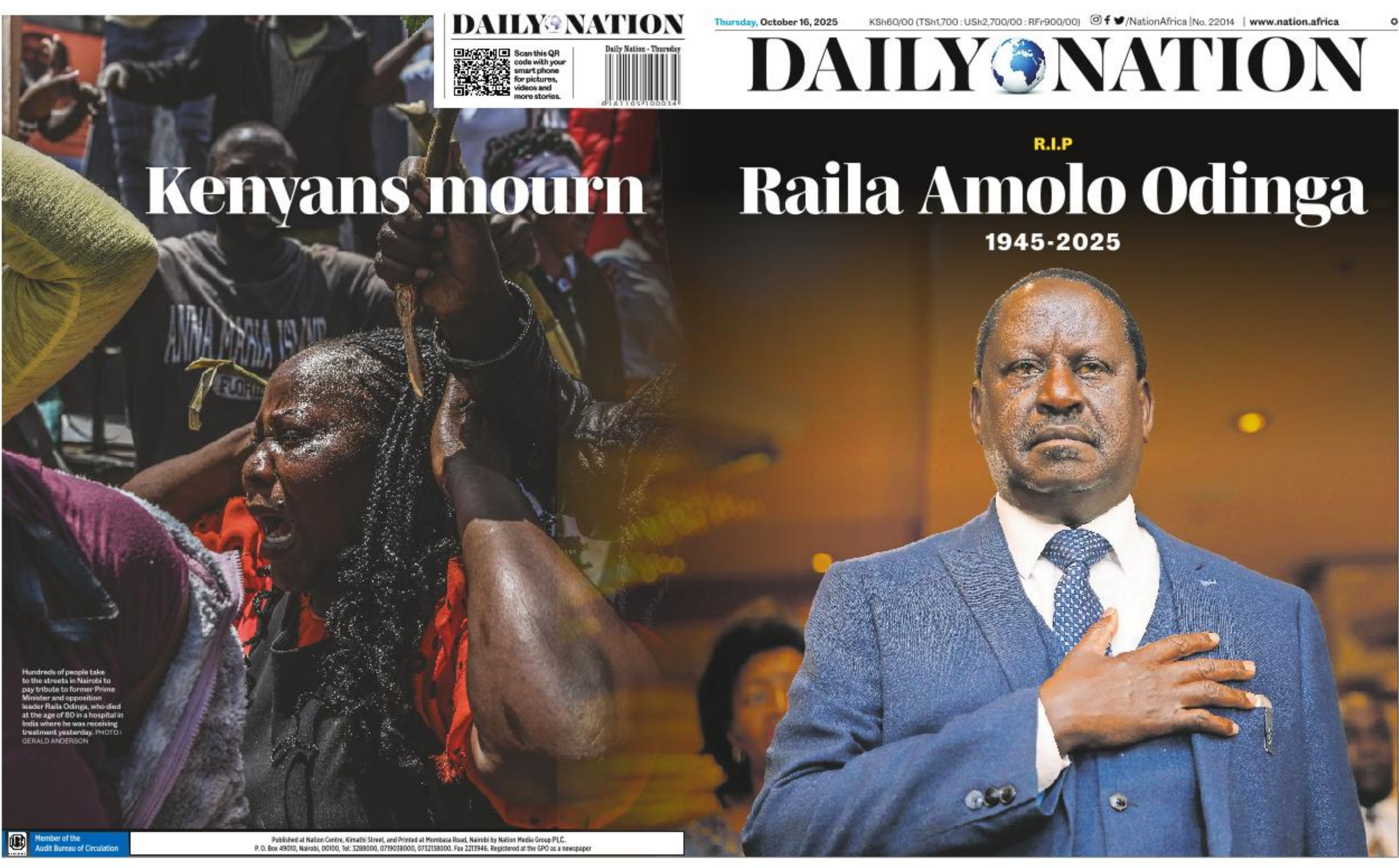


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Kenyans mourn

R.I.P Raila Amolo Odinga 1945-2025



Hundreds of people take to the streets in Nairobi to pay tribute to former Prime Minister and opposition leader Raila Odinga, who died at the age of 80 in a hospital in India where he was receiving treatment yesterday. PHOTO: GERALD ANDERSON



Enigma Raila's story ends not with a conquest but with a calculus. In the twilight of his life, he embraced

BY JOHN KAMAU

Raila Odinga was the man around whom the nation revolved—yet the presidency, like a distant star, always hovered just beyond his grasp. He was the ultimate dealmaker.

For more than half a century, this engineer-turned-insurrectionist-turned-statesman strode across Kenya's political stage like colossus. His presence could reorder a room, his name alone could ignite a movement, and his longevity outlasted rivals, protégés, and coalitions. To his devotees, he was simply Baba—the father of the people. But the legend was never uncomplicated.

When he collapsed and died during a morning walk in Kerala, India, he breathed his last far from the people he had spent a lifetime trying to lead. By then, Raila Odinga was no longer just a man; he was an institution. He was the face of Odingaism.

To follow Raila was to learn Kenya's most elemental civic rhythms. Raila could conjure a crowd with a whisper, still a riot with a glance, and complicate a scandal with a perfectly timed sound bite. To some, he embodied the restless conscience of the republic; to others, he was the consummate tactician, forever transforming indignation into smoke-filled agreements. Either way, he made the country's political blood run hot.

For decades, Raila carried the title of "opposition leader" like a fixed identity. But unlike others before him, he wore it loosely. He dismantled the label at will, crossing camps and dragging millions of supporters along, often without warning. He wore the broker's tag with ease, pivoting between outsider and insider with astonishing fluidity.

His admirers called him flexible, shrewd, pragmatic. His critics called him a political chameleon—forever adjusting to the shifting landscape of power. His final act was no different. When the Gen Z uprising shook the foundations of President William Ruto's government, it was Raila—not the youthful protesters—who reaped the spoils. He had not lit the spark, but he controlled the oxygen. In the aftermath, he brokered a deal to form a "broad-based government," rescuing Ruto from political isolation and placing his own ODM allies in Cabinet. After decades of chasing the presidency, Raila seemed to arrive at a simple, hard-earned truth: in Kenya, opposition is not a fixed position. It is a fluid instrument, to be picked up and set down as needed.

Raila's initiation into hard politics was forged in steel. In 1982, when a faction of the Kenya Air Force tried to topple President Moi, the state's dragnet fell wide. Odinga was arrested, detained without trial, and delivered to Kamiti Maximum Prison where Kenya's dissidents are forged. For six long years, he was in solitary confinement—and came out, not a broken man but a national martyr. In his life, Raila carried with him a potent mix of grievance and charisma. The second liberation—the long march to multiparty democracy—suddenly had a conductor by his ageing father's side.

Born in 1945 at Maseno's Church Missionary Society Hospital to Jaramogi Oginga Odinga—Kenya's first vice president—and Mary Juma, Raila grew up fluent in the language of high stakes. East Germany gave him a degree in mechanical engineering and an instinct for precision that would forever wrestle with his impulse for disruption.

Returning home, he taught at the University of Nairobi, founded a gas-cylinder company, and lobbied for a standards bureau. In a different universe, he might have spent his prime calibrating turbines instead of negotiating the turbulence of power. But history had other plans. In July 1970, barely aged 25, he faced his first press conference, pleading with the government to free his father from detention. Whether appointed or propelled by conviction, Raila stepped forward. In the battle between the house of Jomo and the house of Jaramogi, the elder Odinga had been silenced. The younger Odinga, unbowed, found his voice and never lost it.

With multiparty elections, Raila comfortably won the Langata seat and in 1998 he tried to run for the presidency. But after placing fourth in the presidential race, Raila made a move that shocked his own base. He crossed the aisle to join President Moi's government—a calculated pivot that drew both outrage and admiration. His National Development Party (NDP), symbolised by the ting'a (tractor), be-



Raila: The deal maker who redefined power in Kenya

His life was a study in resilience, reinvention, and rebellion. For over four decades, he personified Kenya's turbulent march toward democracy - winning power without ever quite holding it

came the ballast Moi's shaky parliamentary majority needed. The alliance baffled the opposition establishment. Kijana Wamalwa, Mwai Kibaki, and Charity Ngilu watched in disbelief as Raila threw his lot in with the very man who had detained him. But Raila understood something they didn't: politics was not about moral lines in the sand. It was about leverage. And leverage required proximity to power.

In 2001's power matrix, Moi handed Raila the powerful Ministry of Energy—a docket where deals were made, contracts written, and networks cemented. Raila also chaired the parliamentary committee on constitutional review, a strategic perch from which to shape Kenya's political future. Around the same time, his business dealings came under scrutiny as Raila was thrown into the world of old money. Through Spectre International, the Odinga family acquired the state-owned Kisumu Molasses Plant at a price critics called suspiciously low. Then Starehe MP Maina Kamanda accused him of "grabbing" the facility; the Odingas insisted they paid Sh120 mil-

lion. Soon after, Canadian-based Energem International—a firm with a controversial record in Africa's mining belts—acquired a 55 percent stake. Kisumu residents, once central to the purchase, were left with just 5 percent. The Odingas held 40. The public conversation around Raila began to split: reformist hero to some, political capitalist to others.

Raila's gamble on Moi had one intended prize: the presidency. But Moi, ever the tactician, chose another heir—Uhuru Kenyatta, the son of Kenya's founding president. The betrayal was surgical. Raila's response was swift. He stormed out of Kanu, where he'd been secretary general, and returned to the opposition fold. There, he brokered yet another alliance, this time with Kibaki and Ngilu, helping to build the National Rainbow Coalition (Narc) that eventually ended Kanu's 40-year reign. The 2002 declaration—"Kibaki Tosha"—would go down as one of the most electrifying moments in Kenya's political history. On that day at Uhuru Park, the mountain moved. Raila, the dealmaker, had delivered victory to some-

one else. But power rarely keeps its promises. After the election, Kibaki's allies reneged on a secret Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that would have made Raila prime minister. He was handed a ministry instead. Furious but calculating, Raila sowed dissent within Narc, destabilising Kibaki's first term from inside the tent. The Kibaki men never forgave him.

The split led to the 2005 constitutional referendum fallout. Kibaki's "Banana" camp went down in flames to Raila's "Orange" movement—a populist juggernaut that gave birth to the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM). Two years later came the 2007 general election, arguably the most consequential of Raila's career. ODM dominated Parliament. The presidential tally, however, dissolved into chaos. Raila claimed the election was stolen. The country burned. More than 1,000 people died, hundreds of thousands were displaced, and Kenya teetered on the edge. In the end, under international pressure led by Kofi Annan, Raila accepted a deal: he would become prime min-



the establishment he had once fought, pursuing continental ambitions even as his domestic star dimmed

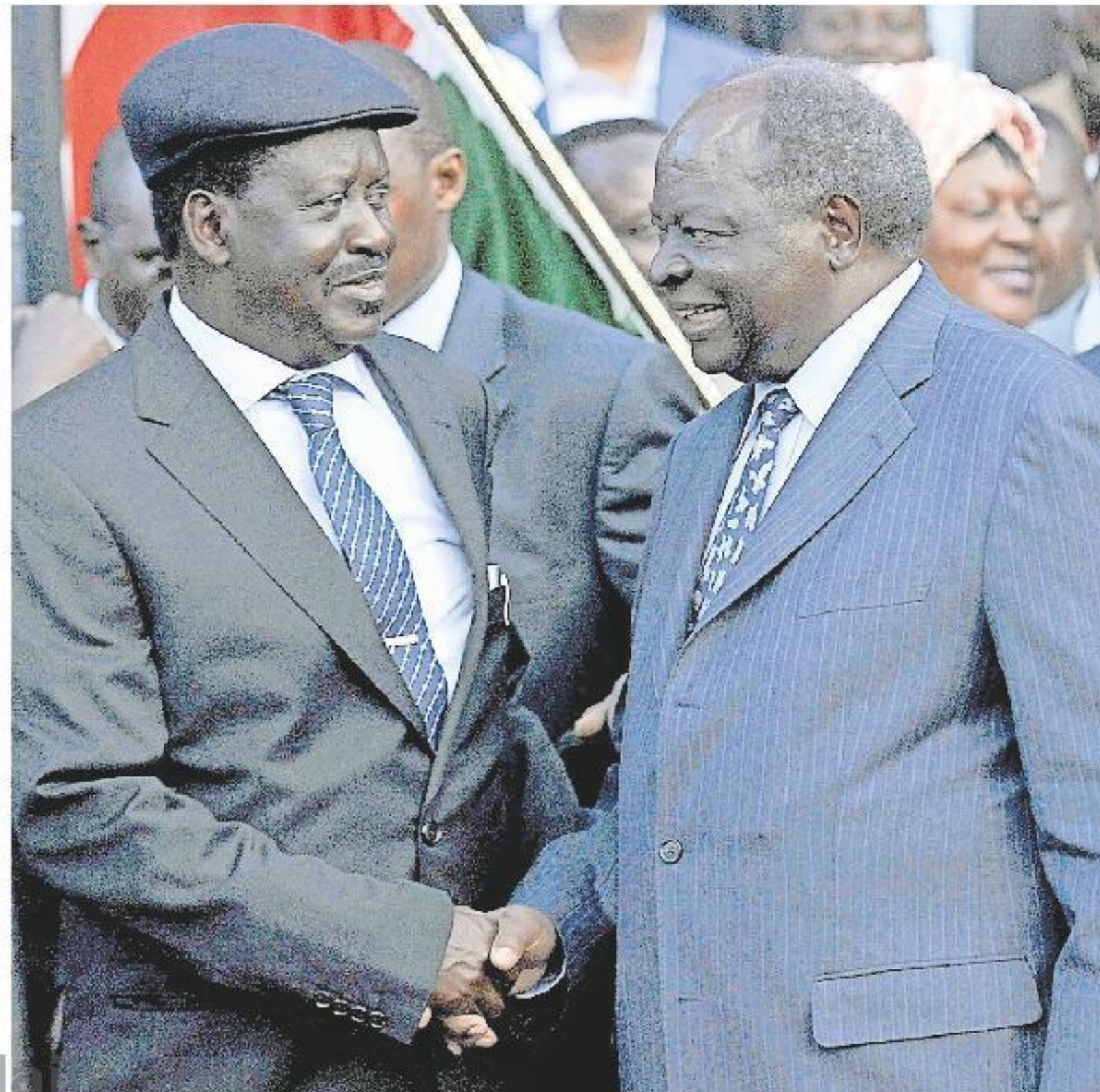


ister in a grand coalition with Mwai Kibaki. It was a power born of blood, not ballots.

The Grand Coalition was fragile from the start—a house of cards held up by uneasy handshakes. It wasn't built on shared vision but on the rubble of a crisis. Raila brought energy to the office, but scandals trailed him like a shadow. A maize saga involving members of his circle erupted in Parliament. He called it "a bunch of nonsense." Then came whispers about the Kazi kwa Vijana programme. Sh900 million had reportedly vanished. Raila admitted to an audit query of Sh308 million but dismissed the rest as manufactured outrage. And yet, within that uneasy coalition, Kenya achieved one of its most significant milestones since independence: the 2010 Constitution. Devolution, a bill of rights, and a re-empowered judiciary became fixtures of the state. The insurgent had learned to govern—and to bargain. The 2013 and 2017 presidential elections would be Raila's most bruising. He lost both. In 2017, however, the Supreme Court—against expectation—annulled the presidential election, forcing a rerun. Raila boycotted, declared himself "People's President," and staged a symbolic oath ceremony. Then, in a move that blindsided allies and foes alike, he shook the hand of the man he had sworn to oppose—President Uhuru Kenyatta. The Handshake of March 2018 recalibrated Kenya's politics overnight. Raila became the establishment's favourite outsider. Uhuru, in turn, sidelined his deputy, William Ruto. The Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) emerged from this détente, promising a new constitutional order. Courts struck it down, but Raila had already achieved what he often did best: rearranging the chessboard.

As the 2022 elections approached, Uhuru threw his weight behind Raila. Meanwhile, at Raila's Capital Hill office, the handshake era had earned him another title: arbiter. As Uhuru cracked down on Ruto allies facing corruption charges, Raila's allies seemed untouchable. Capital Hill became known as a "cleansing house"—a place where sins evaporated in the heat of political utility. Raila branded Ruto a thief. Ruto called Raila a mganga. Their supporters traded barbs like artillery and reconciliation seemed impossible. Finally, William Ruto outmaneuvered both, turning the race into a morality play between "dynasties" and "hustlers." Ruto's narrative stuck and Raila, for the fifth time, lost the presidency. Then came the Gen Z uprising—youth-led, decentralised, leaderless, furious at a Finance Bill. It was a movement that existed outside Raila's orbit. For the first time in decades, Kenya was protesting without him. But when the state turned to negotiate, it turned to the man who had made a career of negotiation. Raila seized the moment. Rigathi Gachagua, once the iron deputy, was politically isolated. Raila stepped into the vacuum, striking a deal that placed his allies inside Ruto's government. It was the most unexpected alliance of his career—and perhaps the most strategic. By then, his ambitions had widened beyond State House. He wanted the chairmanship of the African Union Commission, a role he sought with Ruto's blessing. To critics, it was capitulation. To loyalists, it was evolution.

The pivot came with risks. When Raila convened a press conference to champion the contentious bid of Indian tycoon Gautam Adani to manage Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and invest in the energy sector, he waded into treacherous waters. Kenya Kwanza was already reeling from corruption allegations; now Raila, once the face of opposition purity, stood shoulder to shoulder with the administration's economic agenda. Since his "broad-based" alliance with Ruto, and the elevation of ODM allies to Cabinet, Raila had effectively become a defender of the very administration he once savaged. If he was dancing to Ruto's rhythm, it was to remain politically relevant. Raila Odinga's biography is inseparable from the story of modern Kenya. He was born in the furnace of liberation politics, came of age in the turbulence of one-party rule, and matured in the transactional swirl of multiparty democracy. He survived detention, betrayals, stolen elections, handshake politics, and internet-era protest movements. And through it all, he remained the country's most persistent protagonist. He won Lang'ata in 1992. He placed third for president in 1997. The arc seemed destined to end in State House—until it kinked. But Raila was not built for quiet exits. He turned kinks



President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga shake hands after announcing provisional results of Kenya's constitutional referendum in Nairobi on August 5, 2010. FILE | NATION

into pivots, losses into leverage, defeats into deals.

He was many things: a symbol, a broker, a tactician, a reformer, a wheeler-dealer. He gave Kenya some of its loudest democratic victories and brokered some of its most delicate political truces. He normalised protest politics, then perfected boardroom bargaining. He fought for a Constitution and learned how to stretch it. He could stir the street with righteous fury and negotiate its quiet end with quiet precision. Raila Odinga did not deliver a perfect democracy. Few ever do. But he helped create a noisier, more assertive, more constitutional Kenya—a country whose citizens believe they have the right to question power. He forced the state to answer with more than a baton and a shrug. He taught a generation to turn anger into instruments. He also taught them that politics is not only about purity but about power, and that compromise—however bitter—can shape history.

Raila's story ends not with a conquest but with a calculus. In the twilight of his life, he embraced the establishment he had once fought, pursuing continental ambitions even as his domestic star dimmed. He was still negotiating, still cutting deals, still leaning into history. The presidency eluded him, but Kenya did not. Behind the political theater was a private life that paid the price of public power. His wife, Ida Odinga, stood beside him through detentions, betrayals, and campaigns. His children grew up learning that fatherhood in politics is an act of love—and a series of absences. His friendships were ironclad, his loyalties fierce, his humour dry. He could talk constitutional reform in the morning and Gor Mahia football by afternoon.

Raila Odinga's life resists tidy conclusions. Was he a hero who bent the arc of democracy? A broker who traded ideals for deals? Or both? What is undeniable is the imprint. The 2010 Constitution carries his fingerprints. So does the street protest that forces the state to listen, the coalition that crosses tribes, the citizen who walks into court with confidence. These are not monuments. They are habits. And perhaps that is his most enduring deal of all—not for himself, but for the republic.

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AT A GLANCE

Raila Odinga's illustrious political career

MP for Lang'ata (1992–2013).
Minister for Energy (2001–2002).
Prime Minister of Kenya (2008–2013).
African Union High Representative for Infrastructure Development (2018–2023).

Major Alliances:

Narc (2002) – "Kibaki Tosha" moment
ODM (founded 2005).
The Handshake with President Uhuru Kenyatta (2018).
Broad-based alliance with President William Ruto (2024).
Signature Ideals: Multiparty democracy, devolution, constitutional reform, Pan-Africanism

Legacy: Architect of Kenya's protest politics and one of Africa's most enduring opposition figures. He gave Kenya some of its loudest democratic victories and brokered some of its most delicate political truces. He normalised protest politics, then perfected boardroom bargaining. He fought for a Constitution and learned how to stretch it. He could stir the street with righteous fury and negotiate its quiet end with quiet precision. Raila Odinga did not deliver a perfect democracy. Few ever do. But he helped create a noisier, more assertive, more constitutional Kenya—a country whose citizens believe they have the right to question power.

KEY DATES

1945

Year when Raila was born at Maseno's Church Missionary Society Hospital to Jaramogi Oginga Odinga—Kenya's first vice president—and Mary Juma.

1982

Year when Raila was detained as a political prisoner by the Moi government, spending six years in solitary confinement.

2007

The year whose General Election spawned the post-election violence after Raila contested Mwai Kibaki's win.

Raila Odinga casts his vote at Old Kibera Primary School in Nairobi during Kenya's General Election on March 4, 2013. PHOTO | AFP



Kenyans pour into the streets across



Members of the Luo Council of Elders mourn Raila Odinga at Ofafa Hall in Kisumu yesterday. ALEX ODHIAMBO | NATION



Shuttered businesses in Nairobi's central business district amid fears of criminal activity following the death of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga. LUCY WANJIRU | NATION



Supporters of the late ODM Party Leader Raila Odinga outside his residence in Karen, Nairobi yesterday. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION



Ida Odinga, the widow of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, addresses mourners at the family home in Karen, Nairobi yesterday. FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION



Supporters of the late ODM Party Leader Raila Odinga mourn him along Ngong Road in Nairobi. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

the country to mourn Raila Odinga



ODM leader Raila Odinga's supporters mourn him in Bangladesh area, Mombasa County. KEVIN ODIT | NATION



Supporters of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga gather outside Nation Centre in Nairobi yesterday. LUCY WANJIRU | NATION



Supporters of the late former PM Raila Odinga mourn him on Kenyatta Avenue, Nakuru City. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION



Youth aboard a matatu mourn former Prime Minister Raila Odinga in Nairobi's central business district yesterday. EVANS HABIL | NATION



A woman mourns Raila Odinga while holding his portrait at his residence in Karen, Nairobi yesterday. BONIFACE BOGITA | NATION



A supporter of Raila Odinga mourns him along Kenyatta Avenue in Nakuru City on October 15, 2025. BONIFACE MWANGI/NATION

National News

Transition State funeral committee to be chaired by DP Kithure Kindiki and Siaya Senator Oburu Oginga

Ruto declares 7 days of mourning

Ruto describes ODM leader as a giant of democracy and a fearless freedom fighter

BY MOSES NYAMORI AND NDUBI MOTURI

The country will observe seven days of mourning following the death of Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) leader and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, President William Ruto declared yesterday.

The President added that Odinga, who died in India, would be accorded a state funeral with the attendant military honours.

Dr Ruto made the declaration as he addressed the nation from State House. He was with Siaya Senator Oburu Oginga, the elder brother of Odinga, and Deputy President Kithure Kindiki.

The 80-year-old Odinga breathed his last in the Indian city of Kochi yesterday morning. He is said to have suffered a cardiac arrest around 8am during a morning walk at Sreedhareeyam Ayurvedic Eye Hospital and Research Centre in Koothattukulam, where he was reportedly being treated for an undisclosed illness. Odinga had been there for five days.

He was later taken to Devamatha Hospital in Koothattukulam where he was pronounced dead. Koothattukulam is 46 kilometres from Kochi, a city in southwest India's coastal Kerala state.

Ayurveda is a traditional Indian system of medicine that aims to preserve health and wellness by keeping the mind, body, and spirit in balance and preventing disease rather than treating it.

Mr Odinga flew to India on October 3, amid speculation about his health.

ODM at the time said he was not ill.

Odinga had in recent weeks kept away from public engagements, including political events by his party, fuelling rumours of ill health.

He was conspicuously absent in the ODM jamborees events in Kisii, Wajir and Narok counties last month. His sickness was also linked to the party's decision to postpone its 20th anniversary celebrations.

Mr Odinga, however, chaired the ODM consultative meeting at Serena Hotel, Nairobi on October 3, before flying to India.

Amid denials by ODM about his sickness, Dr Odinga later confirmed that his younger brother



had been unwell for a while but was recovering in India.

"Like any other human, Raila was indisposed a few days ago but he is doing fine. He went for check-up in India and is recuperating," said Dr Odinga, the family spokesman.

A party official had at the time told the *Daily Nation* that Odinga had flown out for routine medical check-up.

The source added that the ODM boss had always travelled for check-ups following his head surgery in 2010.

Before the State House address, President Ruto led members of his Cabinet in condoling with the Odingas at the family's Karen home.

The President directed the national flag be flown at half-mast on public buildings, military installations and Kenyan diplomatic missions abroad from yesterday.

"It is with profound sorrow and the deepest sense of loss that I notify Kenya, Africa and the world of the passing of The Right Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga," Dr Ruto said in a televised address.

"Kenya, Africa and the world mourn the passing of a giant of democracy, a fearless freedom

fighter and a fearless warrior of good governance."

Dr Ruto said senior government officials – including him, Deputy President Kithure Kindiki and Cabinet Secretaries would not fly the national flag on the official vehicles during the mourning period.

"As a mark of respect, I have postponed my public engagements for the coming days to join the nation in this period of mourning and deep reflection," the President added.

Dr Ruto said a funeral steering committee has been formed to coordinate the state burial. It will be chaired by Prof Kindiki and Dr Oginga.

A government delegation, led by Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, was yesterday expected to leave for India to oversee the repatriation of the body.

In the delegation is Mrs Ida Odinga, Cabinet Secretaries Kipchumba Murkomen (Interior) and Hassan Joho (Mining), National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah, Minority Leader Junet Mohamed and family representatives Jaoko Oburu Odinga and Kevin Opiyo Odinga.

President Ruto said in responding to a formal request from Nai-

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Uhuru Kenyatta



robi, the government of India agreed to facilitate the repatriation.

He hailed Mr Odinga as "a once-in-a-generation leader whose ideals transcended politics".

"Raila Odinga's name will forever be etched in the story of our republic, a story of struggle, sacrifice, courage, rule of law and hope," he said.

"He endured detention and persecution so that this nation could know and enjoy democracy."

He extended condolences Mrs Odinga, the couple's children Rosemary, Raila Jr and Winnie, and the Odinga family, as well as to members of the ODM, the party founded and led by Mr Odinga.

Dr Ruto urged Kenyans to honour Mr Odinga's memory by embracing unity and reflection.

"Fellow patriots, we have lost a beacon of courage, a tower of principle and the father of our democracy," President Ruto said.

"Let us come together, as he always urged us to do, not as rivals, but as brothers and sisters bound by a shared destiny."

He added that a funeral date would be announced after consultations between the family and the committee.

"In a career spanning four decades, Raila Odinga offered a compelling model of principled politics," President Ruto said.

"At critical moments in our nation's journey, he always put Kenya first before individual interest."

Former President Uhuru Kenyatta described Odinga as a brother and a friend, who was a defining part of his journey in public service and in life.

"My heart is heavy, and my spirit is burdened with a grief that is profound and deeply personal. The news of Raila's passing has left a silence that echoes across our nation, a silence where once there was a voice of thunder and conviction," Mr Kenyatta said.

"Raila and I were navigators on opposing currents, charting different courses for the nation we loved. At some point, we became opponents and often, the weight of that competition felt immense."

He recalled forging a working relationship with Mr Odinga that culminated in the March 9, 2018 handshake, "the period during which I saw Raila's unwavering passion for this country, his deep-seated belief in justice and incredible capacity to think beyond personal ambition for the sake of national peace".

"He was a formidable opponent, but an even more invaluable ally in the cause of reconciliation. I have lost a friend and a brother. I will miss our conversations, sometimes challenging, always insightful and the fire of belief that never left his eyes," Mr Kenyatta said.

ODM Secretary-General Edwin Sifuna said the party is in deep shock.

"The Rt Hon Odinga has been the leading political figure in this nation for at least three decades, at whose feet democratic deals have been nurtured and political careers grown," Mr Sifuna said.

"He will remain a true giant of our nation and darling in the hearts of Kenyans for his unwavering fight for justice and firm stand on freedom for all."

Central Organisation of Trade Unions Secretary-General Francis Atwoli described Mr Odinga's death as a blow to the country's unity.

"Raila has been the glue that held our country together during moments of political misunderstanding. Raila rose above divisions to unite Kenyans. He is a man Kenyans will remember for years to come," Mr Atwoli said.

"Having been close to Raila and being the last person he served in his office before leaving for India, I will forever cherish his trust in me and his unwavering commitment to Kenyan workers."

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Kenyans and the world mourn former premier Raila Odinga

BY NDUBI MOTURI

Kenyans and world leaders have been thrown into mourning following the death of former Premier and ODM leader Raila Odinga.

Odinga died while undergoing treatment in India, according to his family.

"The loss of Baba has saddened me, my family, my supporters and all Kenyans,"

said Kisauni MP Rashid Bedzimba.

"He was a great leader and friend. We hope the precious memories, legacy and leadership will live on in our hearts. Rest in peace, Captain!"

Treasury CS and former ODM chairman John Mbadi described Odinga as "a towering democratic giant, a fighter for social justice, a mentor and a father".

"He died a peaceful man who put

the interests of the country above everything else," he said.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed described Odinga as a visionary leader and pan-Africanist.

Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale mourned "a political giant and great man", while Isiolo Governor Abdi Guyo said Odinga was "a towering statesman and patriot whose courage and conviction

will remain an enduring inspiration".

Said Kwale Senator Issa Boy Juma: "He will be remembered as a defender of the common people and a voice for justice and accountability. His vision will remain a guide for generations to come. Rest well father of the nation."

Mr Salim Lone, a journalist and long-time adviser to the ODM chief, said Ken-

ya has lost "the one leader who made the greatest sacrifices for freedom and equality".

"Even without holding power, Raila expanded democracy and inclusion for the struggling masses," Mr Lone said.

Former Chief Justice David Maraga described Odinga as "a patriot, democrat and pan-Africanist who made significant contributions to democracy".



Radical The swiftness bears an uncanny fidelity to the way Odinga practised politics

Bury me within 72 hours of my death – Raila Will

BY JUSTUS WANGA

The first shock was that he was gone. The second came hours later. According to senior family members and State House officials directly involved in Raila Odinga's funeral arrangements, he left a clear directive; that he be buried within 72 hours of his death.

If the funeral committee interprets the wish strictly, then the State funeral is likely to be held this weekend.

Odinga's wish was revealed by his lawyer yesterday morning at a State House meeting attended by, among others, his brother Senator Oburu Odinga.

The logistics of transporting the body from Mumbai, India, have triggered a debate as to when the 72-hour countdown should begin.

Some in the funeral committee have interpreted that it should start the moment the body lands, but others are convinced that this reading would violate his wishes.

Officials at the Presidency and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs intimated that Odinga's remains would land in the country by this evening at the latest. The flight from Mumbai to Nairobi takes slightly more than six hours.

It was Dr Odinga who first called the president shortly after 7am with news that his younger brother was in critical condition in India.

"He said Raila had been rushed back to the hospital," a source said. Moments later, there was another call—Odinga's youngest daughter, Winnie, calling Dr Ruto. "She was succinct, and, with a trembling voice, said the worst had happened," another said.

Hospital officials said the cause of death was a heart attack.

"It is a hell of a logistical nightmare considering that he died

in India. But as the ODM family, we are working together with our fallen party leader's family and the committee formed by the president to oversee his burial arrangements, to ensure that we align with his wish to be buried within 72 hours," Vihiga Senator Godfrey Osotsi and ODM Deputy Party Leader told the *Nation*.

It is hard to overstate the audacity of the 72-hour instruction. Kenya's great political departures are typically measured in days that lengthen into fortnights—processions, parliamentary homilies, choirs rehearsed into consensus, bodies lying in state as a people practice the choreography of loss.

Men of Odinga's stature—Jomo Kenyatta, Daniel Moi, Mwai Kibaki, even his own father, Jaramogi Odinga Odinga—were sent off with an amplitude that became part of their legend. Odinga has posthumously edited the script. To go quickly is to reject the theatre.

President William Ruto's decree of seven days of national mourning was, insiders say, timed to harmonise with the three-day wish.

The swiftness bears an uncanny fidelity to the way Odinga practised politics; as a series of disciplined pivots rather than a single, unbroken march.

The news of his seventy-two-hour wish scrambles the

AT A GLANCE

Last moments

On Tuesday night, Raila Odinga made calls home, aides say, re-arranging the week's diary—the closing of the Siaya Investment Conference, a civic engagement in Kisumu. Yesterday morning, he set out for his walk, he did not return alive.



customary choreography of grief. Kenya's long goodbyes are not mere extravagance; they are the public's chance to translate private sorrow into civic meaning. To compress that arc is to test a habit, and habits resist improvement. Elders who prefer the politics of lingering farewell may bristle; loyalists who wished for a pilgrimage of days will feel deprived.

And yet the choice carries a limpid logic, truer to the republic he helped shape than the spectacle might be. The State he critiqued and refined will now demonstrate its competence by keeping time.

The compressed farewell will

Kisumu residents took to the streets yesterday to mourn Raila Odinga. ALEX ODHIAMBO | NATION

stage its own theatre, however briefly. The military will set the pace; a convoy will move by the map's geometry rather than the crowd's; choirs will discover, for a moment, a harmony that feels like consensus. The speeches will be draft biographies finessed into eulogies; the country will try on its favourite mask, unity, and find that, even in grief, it fits only for a while. Then the flags will rise, the traffic will resume its quarrel with itself, Parliament will open to the measured theatre of its afternoons, and cases will advance through courts that now take themselves seriously.

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National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula on August 2. FILE | NATION

Parliament adjourns sitting following news of Raila's death

BY SAMWEL OWINO

The National Assembly's morning sitting was abruptly adjourned yesterday following news of ODM leader Raila Odinga's death.

The stage had been set and the Order Paper detailing the Bills that MPs were to consider circulated. However, the sitting, which usually starts at 9.30am, was delayed slightly as MPs streamed in.

By 9.43am, more MPs had arrived, but most gathered on the floor, conversing in low tones. Some made calls while others appeared sad. The news of Odinga's passing had already been reported by many media outlets.

When Speaker Moses Wetang'ula arrived at 9.50am, the House was quiet. After the prayers, he proceeded to his seat, but was informed of a lack of quorum.

Mr Wetang'ula then directed the Majority and Minority whips to call their members to order. At least 50 MPs are required for the National Assembly to conduct business.

With the number raised, Mr Wetang'ula announced to the House that the sitting had been adjourned and that he would give directions in the afternoon.

Busia Woman Representative Catherine Omayo and Likoni MP Mishi Mboko could not hold back tears as parliamentary orderlies comforted them.

Ms Mboko has been a defender of the ODM chief in and outside Parliament. When she is in the House, she hardly allows any negative comment about her party leader to go on Hansard without challenging it.

The morning sitting is normally reserved for consideration of private members Bills. Among the Bills that were lined up for consideration was the Allocation of Higher Education Loans Board funds to support students enrolled at the Kenya Medical Training College. It is sponsored by Balambala MP Abdi Shurie.

The lawmakers were also expected to consider the Agricultural Professionals Registration and Licensing Bill, 2024 that is sponsored by Tigania West MP John Mutunga, the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2023 by Kisii Woman Representative Dorice Donya, and the Environmental Professionals Institute of Kenya Bill, 2024 by Ndaragwa MP George Gachagua, among other Bills.

Security agencies on high alert to prevent chaos

BY STEVE OTIENO

Kenyan security agencies are on high alert following the death of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga.

Shortly after the news broke, police bosses led by Inspector-General Douglas Kanja, held an emergency meeting at the National Police Service headquarters before proceeding to State House for an extraordinary session of the National Security Council.

"Mr Odinga was a very influential person and the security apparatus must ensure that nothing spins

out of control at this defining moment," an aide to the IG told the *Nation* yesterday.

President William Ruto, accompanied by his deputy Kithure Kindiki and several senior politicians proceeded to Odinga's Karen residence to condole with the family shortly after the security council meeting concluded.

Nairobi Region Police Commander George Sedah told the *Nation* that security agencies have heightened their vigilance and mapped out potential flashpoints across the city.

"We have upped our security antennae and are on the lookout for any mischief that might spring

out of the mourning," he said. He added that officers had been deployed along major roads and in areas considered volatile.

He, however, emphasised that the police would not interfere with peaceful mourners.

"We are offering security to those mourning even as we keep an eye on hooligans who might try to take advantage of the situation and commit crime," he said.

Authorities urged Kenyans to remain calm, avoid large gatherings and honour Odinga's legacy peacefully.



Patriot His legacy calls on us to contemplate the real possibility of a gracious, selfless, principled and patriotic politics

Raila was my brother, patriot who stood tall for our country

It has been an immense privilege, in the course of my journey in leadership and politics, to work and engage with my dear late brother, the Rt Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga, in different seasons, while playing diverse roles and under various colours. In that time, I can say that we came to know each other very well, and forged a relationship that transcended mutual understanding and became a

perennial bond that withstood the furious tempests of our dynamic politics.

As a freshman legislator, I found in the National Assembly a restless and tireless Odinga who had already made an indelible mark as a determined firebrand who never hesitated when called upon to prove his mettle. In 1996, Odinga had done the unthinkable by resigning in his first term as member of Parliament for Lang'ata due

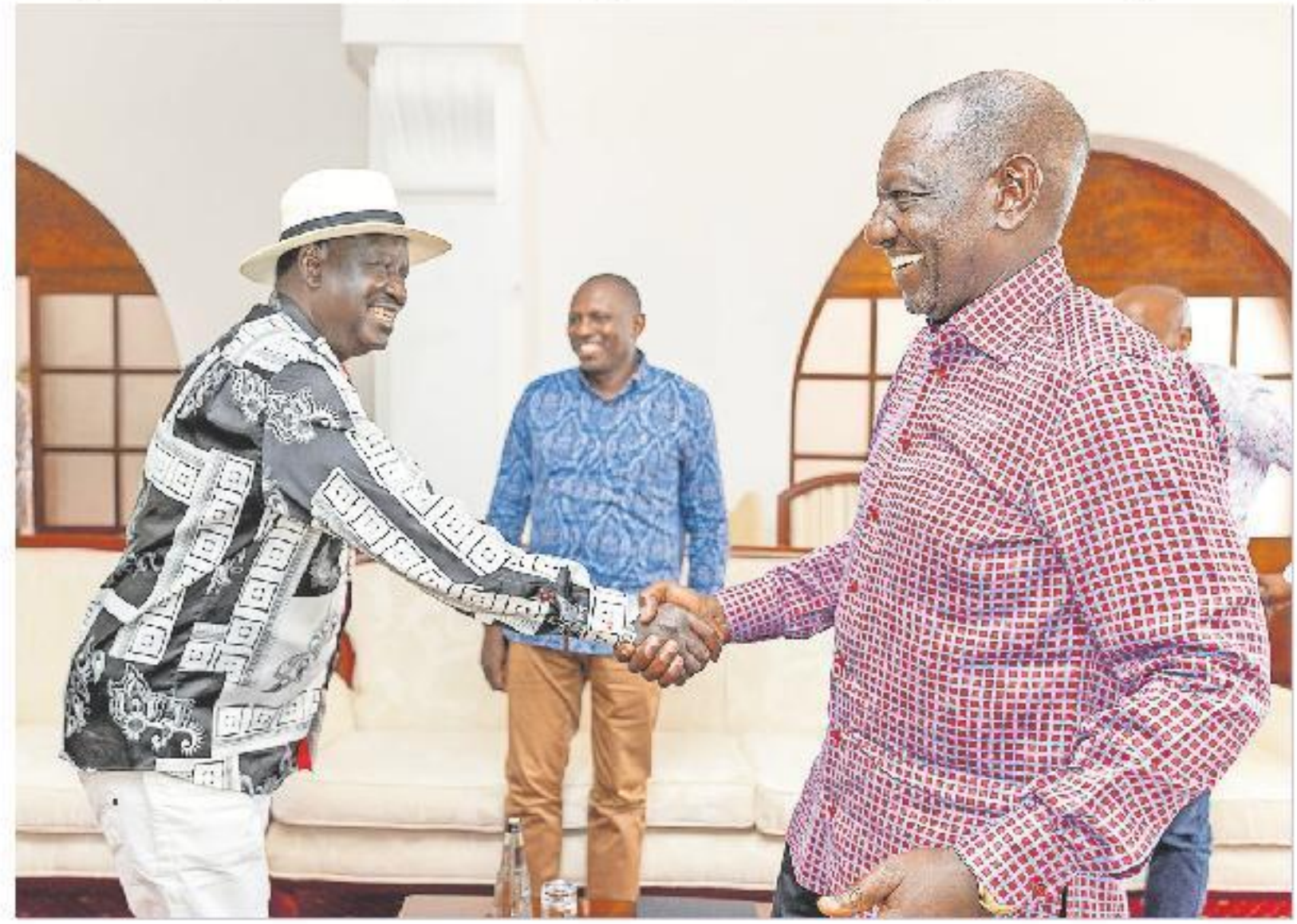
He impressed me most with the clarity of his conviction that the Kenya we want is within reach...



William Ruto | Tribute

to irreconcilable differences with the leadership of Ford Kenya.

He contested the subsequent by-election under the then unknown National Development Party, whose symbol, a tractor, would earn him the nickname Tinga Tinga or Tinga in short. It helped that Tinga happened to rhyme with Odinga, and that is what I, with countless others, called him for a long time.



President William Ruto (right) with Raila Odinga at State House, Mombasa, in February. PHOTO | PCS

Odinga mobilised non-stop and built the new party from scratch. By 1997, NDP had eclipsed Ford Kenya with 21 members. Following the election, Odinga executed a political strategy that confounded friend and foe, which involved finding common ground with Kanu and President Moi, then anathema and implacable foe respectively. In Moi's succession, Odinga had spotted a golden political opportunity he could not turn away from and, in NDP and Odinga, Moi saw not only safety in parliamentary numbers, but also a chance to build a broad national support base for his succession plan.

It was during this time that I found myself working more closely with Odinga as we tightened the nuts and bolts of the Kanu-NDP 'cooperation' before transitioning it into the full-blown merger that shook Kenya's political landscape with reverberations that gave rise to Narc and swept Kanu out of power to date.

It was immediately clear that, politically speaking, Odinga and I had a number of fundamental characteristics in common. First, his energy and zeal, especially when it came to networking, mobilising and overseeing operations and the implementation of competitive political strategies.

Second, his sharp focus, total commitment and unstoppable motivation in the pursuit of what he believed in. Third, his pragmatism and impressive, yet thoroughly principled flexibility when it came to building alliances, negotiation, reviewing and even changing course.

Fourth, Odinga believed in the people as the foremost if not the sole reason for political leadership. Finally, he and I believed in the importance of strong, national parties for strengthening democracy and anchoring good governance. Together with other colleagues, we built a strong party that endures to date as a powerful institution of our democracy. Afterwards, I have taken part in

building equally formidable parties and coalitions from the bottom up.

This similarity had two fundamental implications: When Odinga and I were on the same page, we were utterly unstoppable. However, whenever we found ourselves at odds, the going got really tough. It will be an understatement for me to state that, in 2002, things got a little difficult after he left Kanu and launched a turbo-charged Narc.

Between 2005 and 2010, we were a formidable team. However, between 2010 and 2022, we were once more at loggerheads. I will always be grateful to Odinga because, in the last few years, we rediscovered once more the sweet spot and shared a moment of divine grace. I have benefitted immensely from Odinga's wisdom and experience as my parliamentary colleague, team leader, Prime Minister, elder statesman and friend.

For me, working with Odinga affirmed certain important truths that, I believe, no leader should ever neglect: Respect for opponents, acknowledging our diversity and different opinions, never underestimating competitors and never losing sight of the humanity of all persons, including our adversaries.

In all the years I knew Odinga, I was privileged to witness his devotion to his family, his loyalty to his friends and comrades, his pursuit of the abundant life made up of diverse engagements, all energetically pursued: From sport, business and engineering to innovation, devolution, pan-Africanism and farming; from dancing, statecraft and African culture to social democracy.

He impressed me most with the clarity of his conviction that the Kenya we want is within reach if we are committed to do the hard work and make bold decisions; that our democratic experiment must be nurtured vigilantly and matured ambitiously; that leadership always creates space for the

youth now, and that Kenya always comes first, and our ambitions are always subordinate to the greater good.

To his last day, Odinga was steadfast in the struggle to deliver the Africa Union's Agenda 2063 and the Kenya Vision 2030, beginning at the devolved units. I am a witness of Odinga's fiery patriotism, which never dimmed. I know because we had many deep conversations; and we shared the perspective that economic development was the crowning glory of the struggle for freedom, democracy and justice. Odinga never lost an opportunity to reiterate the words of the National Anthem, especially the lines: "Justice be our shield and defender" and, "Plenty be found within our borders".

I honour my dear departed brother not only because he believed in the best of the right things for our country, but also because he never hesitated to stand up for his convictions and, many a time, pay a painful price for them. I celebrate his courage and respect his compassion. I remember his sense of humility, humanity, honour and humour. In a time when politics often beat, broke and reduced the best and brightest into indifference, ambiguity or cowardice, Odinga stood tall, walked proudly and fought the good fight with a smile and a kitendawili.

His legacy calls on us to contemplate the real possibility of a gracious, selfless, principled and patriotic politics. It also demonstrates, beyond any doubt, that it is impossible to attempt a modern history of Kenya without devoting a number of rich chapters to the life and work of Raila Odinga.

As we bid farewell to a much beloved and towering patriot, I want to persuade all Kenyans that the best way of honouring him is by standing together in one accord, working with determination to deliver prosperity for all Kenyans within a generation.

William Ruto is the President of the Republic of Kenya



PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027

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National News

On the spot Nandi Hills MP says public Wi-Fi not working in some places despite the authority paying billions of shillings

Agency put to task over use of Sh34bn on internet project

About Sh500m is paid to eight contractors to maintain the fibre optic network across the country, parliamentary committee told

BY EDWIN MUTAI

Parliament has raised a red flag over the mismanagement of Sh34.34 billion invested in the National Optic Fiber Backbone Infrastructure. The National Assembly Committee on ICT raised questions on the financial viability of the project which has gobbled up Sh34.34 billion since 2005, yet the annual revenue it generates barely covers operating expenses.

The committee chaired by Dagoretti South Member of Parliament, Mr John Kiarie, heard that the Information and Communication Technology Authority

spends about Sh1.2 billion annually on operations and maintenance.

The panel was also told that the authority spends about Sh500 million to pay eight contractors who maintain 10,647 kilometres of fibre optic network across the country.

The committee is inquiring into the status of monitoring and evaluation on maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing multi-billion-shilling network.

Appearing before the committee, Information and Communication Technology Authority acting Chief Executive Officer Zilpher Owiti was hard-pressed to

explain why only 13 per cent of the available fibre optic network capacity was commercialised.

Ms Owiti also faced tough questions on how the authority entered into maintenance contracts with eight suppliers who are being paid Sh5.7 per metre per month in Nairobi and Sh3.55 per metre per month for maintenance of the cables in other parts of the country.

The committee directed Ms Owiti to table the operation and maintenance contracts for the suppliers.

Ms Owiti said the authority has maintenance contracts with Adrian Kenya (1,072km) in Nairobi and Central region, Nextgen (1,173.4km) for Coast region, Techminds (1,800km) in Eastern, Soliton (1,510km) in North Eastern, BTN (1,316km) in North Rift, Nightigale (1,681km) in South Rift, Prime Telecoms (603.4 kms)



The National Assembly Committee on ICT during a session at Bunge Tower. DENNIS ONSONGOI/NATION

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Kenbright joins the Nation in mourning a visionary leader whose legacy of resilience and service will continue to inspire generations.

in Nyanza, and Tilil (488.4km) in Western Kenya.

"We demand that the contracts and CR 12 of the eight companies be tabled before this committee. We want to know the terms and conditions. How did you arrive at a price of Sh5 per metre per month?" Keiyo South MP Gideon Kimaiyo asked.

"We went on an inspection visit in Eldoret and Turkana and there is nothing working. We want to establish responsibility for the parties and that is through giving us the contracts."

Nandi Hills MP Bernard Kitur said public Wi-Fi was not working despite the authority paying billions of shillings for the maintenance of fibre optic networks.

"We need to see the Service Level Agreements and or the contracts for the eight companies," Mr Kitur said.

Mr Kiarie directed Ms Owiti to provide the contract documents and respond to the committee's concerns within a month.

The authority told the committee that it projects a surplus of Sh3 million for the financial year 2025/26 and that the National Optic Fiber Backbone Infrastructure network is expected to reach profitability by 2029/2030.

The committee also raised concerns over 1,729 public Wi-Fi, saying inspection visits to Eldoret and Turkana counties revealed that a majority of the sites were not working.

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multiple inspections revealed that hundreds of public Wi-Fi sites in schools, and Community Innovation Hubs are offline — not due to technical issues — but because contracts between the Ministry ICT and Telkom Kenya expired.

"Public Wi-Fi inspections found vandalism, power outages, and cybersecurity gaps, putting citizens at risk," Mr Kiarie said.

"Taxpayer-funded infrastructure is effectively lying unused. You have admitted a lack of active maintenance contracts due to budget constraints, leaving Sh34 billion worth of fibre at risk. Some regions are completely unmaintained."

President William Ruto's administration had tasked ICT Authority to roll out 25,000 public

Wi-Fi sites across the country.

The committee further questioned fibre optic operations, which involved Chinese Exim Bank loans and an Escrow Agreement with Telkom Kenya, managed parts of the network without a valid contract for several years after the contracts expired in 2016.

The National Optic Fiber Backbone Infrastructure, which was funded through Chinese loans, was implemented in three phases between 2013 and 2020.

"We have six submarine cables landing in Mombasa serving the country's internet needs. The National Optic Fiber Backbone Infrastructure project was funded by China Exim Bank in three phases," Ms Owiti told MPs.

"The value of infrastructure is Sh34.344 billion. Telkom Kenya originally maintained and operated fibre optic project on behalf of the government until 2020. It is currently managed and operated by the ICT Authority."

She said the Escrow Agreement was signed for the implementation of the fibre optic infrastructure project between the Treasury, the Ministry of ICT and Kenya Commercial Bank in 2018.

Ms Owiti said the loan is paid by the National Treasury and the ICT Authority to the escrow account to ensure that the minimum account balance is maintained.

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NATION MEDIA GROUP'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE PASSING OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER, RT. HON. RAILA ODINGA

On behalf of the board, management, and staff of the Nation Media Group (NMG), I wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Former Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga.

The late Raila has left an indelible imprint not only on Kenya but on the African continent and the world at large. As the son of Kenya's first Vice President, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, he joined politics at a tender age, and devoted his years to the relentless pursuit of justice, freedom, and national renewal. His defining legacy remains his steadfast fight for multiparty democracy, a struggle that reshaped Kenya's political landscape and inspired generations across Africa.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, when Kenya exhibited limited democratic space, Raila was at the forefront of the struggle to re-introduce political pluralism. As a key figure in the country's second liberation, he endured detention and constant persecution. His sacrifice, alongside other pro-democracy activists, created the relentless pressure that forced the then President Moi, to repeal Section 2A of the constitution in 1991, legalising multi-party politics. This single act marked a return to the multi-party system we often take for granted today.

For us at NMG, we fondly remember him for his wit on the campaign trail, the push for devolution, and his relentless pursuit of a government that serves all its people, not just a privileged few. He was an insightful thinker, a man who could provide profound context on almost any matter. His remarkable intellectual grasp meant he had the latest developments at his fingertips - whether the complexities of technology, the intricacies of African infrastructure, or the vital lessons of history. This rare combination of sharp intellect and boundless curiosity set him apart not just as a politician, but as a true statesman and visionary.

While the political battles were often fierce, his commitment to the common mwananchi was never in doubt. He was tireless in his endeavours, yet always pragmatic in serving Kenya's best interests, a beacon of hope for millions and a testament to the power of steady conviction.

We join Kenyans in mourning a great man, a Pan-Africanist par excellence, and a consummate leader. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult period. May His Soul Rest in Peace.

Joe Muganda
Group Chairman
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National News

Conflict A Kenyan on the Russian side says he plans to stay on as he's earning far much more than he did back home

Concern over Kenyans fighting for Russia

Ukraine says Russia is essentially engaging in human trafficking by tricking desperate Kenyans

BY NYABOGA KIAGE

Ukraine has expressed alarm over reports of Kenyan nationals fighting alongside Russian troops, warning that Moscow is using job offers to lure African youth into a war they barely understand.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, now in its fourth year, has redrawn global alliances and raised new moral questions for countries far from the battlefield. For Kenya—which has largely stayed neutral in the conflict—reports of its citizens fighting for Moscow touch on the deeper issues of unemployment, desperation and the global reach of online recruitment networks that prey on economic hardship.

In an exclusive interview with the *Nation*, Ukraine's Ambassador to Kenya Yurii Tokar confirmed that one Kenyan fighter is currently in Ukrainian custody, having been captured while serving with Russian forces.

He said the man, now considered a prisoner of war (POW), admitted to entering Russia as a tourist before being tricked into signing a military contract.

"The POW himself confessed that he was deceived into join-



A Ukrainian air defence unit in action in Kyiv region on November 30, 2024. PHOTO | REUTERS

ing the Russian army," Mr Tokar said. "This case is now under official investigation. Ukraine treats such incidents with full transparency and respect for international law."

The envoy added that the detainee is being held under humane conditions in line with the Geneva Conventions, and that the International Committee of the Red Cross has full access to him.

"This stands in sharp contrast with the conduct of Russian forces, who frequently abandon or even execute their own wounded soldiers," Mr Tokar said.

The case of the captured Ken-

yan has opened discussion about the growing number of Kenyans who have joined—or have been coerced into joining—Russia's army. Some like Kevin, a former General Service Unit (GSU) officer, say they enlisted knowingly, drawn by promises of good pay and respect.

"When I left Kenya in July, I knew that I would be part of the Russian army," Kevin told the *Nation* in a phone interview from southern Russia. "Here, I'm respected and well-paid, better than I ever earned in Kenya."

He said the decision to leave Kenya was driven by frustration. After leaving the GSU, he spent

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Ambassador Yurii Tpkar



months looking for work.

"I had a diploma in security management but no one was hiring," he said. "Then someone told me about contracts in Russia." His family opposed the move, but he said poverty left him little choice: "When you can't feed your children, you stop thinking about politics or ideology."

Kevin, who claimed to earn Sh316,000 a month, insisted that he is not in the firing line, but helps to ferry meals and bodies of fallen soldiers.

"I don't see any reason to go back," he added. "At the end of the day, all we want is money."

Others say they were duped into the war by agents. In Nairobi's Seasons area, one victim who asked not to be named said he was promised a lucrative IT job in Russia by an agent, Ms Edna Kendi, of Kenkir Travel Agency.

"I even paid Sh60,000 for processing and documentation," he recalled. "But when we arrived in Russia, we were told we'd been

enlisted into the army."

He and three others later escaped with help from the Kenyan embassy. When contacted, Ms Kendi denied involvement, though the victim's wife said she has lodged a complaint against her. "Her husband is a senior DCI officer protecting her," the wife alleged.

Investigations by international media and watchdogs show that Russia has expanded its recruitment beyond its borders, targeting Latin America, the Middle East and Africa.

Mr Tokar described Russia's foreign recruitment as a form of human trafficking, arguing that it preys on Africa's unemployed youth.

"Russia's battlefield losses have surpassed one million soldiers," he said. "It is now importing cannon fodder from anywhere it can—from North Korea to Africa."

He warned that African recruits are treated as expendable and that Ukrainian intelligence has documented cases of wounded foreign soldiers being executed by their commanders to avoid medical expenses.

"You may be promised good wages or safe roles," he cautioned Kenyan youth, "but the reality is very different. You will end up in trenches, under fire, in a war that is not yours."

Kenya's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has confirmed it is aware of a recruitment syndicate targeting Kenyans. Principal Secretary Korir Sing'oei said that 29 Kenyans are believed to be invol-

untarily held in Belgorod, near a major Wagner Group base.

"MOFA is in discussion with authorities in Kyiv and has raised the issue with the Russian Embassy," Dr Sing'oei said. "The Russian authorities deny any government involvement."

He clarified that it is not illegal for Kenyans to join the Russian army voluntarily, but emphasised that any form of deception constitutes a criminal offence.

Kenya is not alone. Uganda, Zimbabwe and Nigeria have reported similar cases of citizens being lured into Russian military service.

Despite the sensitive nature of the issue, Mr Tokar stressed that Ukraine's approach to Kenya remains cooperative.

"We are ready to work with Kenya on humanitarian and legal aspects of this case," he said. "We do not let the actions of a few misguided individuals define relations between our countries."

As the war grinds on, the human cost continues to ripple across continents. For Ukraine, the presence of African fighters on Russian soil is not just a legal or military concern—it is a symbol of how economic despair can be weaponised. For Kenya, it is a test of how it can protect its citizens abroad without becoming entangled in great-power rivalries.

"This war shows that Africa's youth are the world's most valuable—and most vulnerable—resource," Mr Tokar said. "They deserve opportunity, not exploitation."



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NORTHERN KENYA MERU	14/11/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM GITORO SHOWGROUND
CENTRAL RIFT NAKURU	18/11/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM NAKURU SHOWGROUND
NAIROBI	20/11/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM JAMHURI PARK SHOWGROUND
SOUTH EASTERN MACHAKOS	21/11/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM MACHAKOS SHOWGROUND
ELDORET	26/11/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM ELDORET SHOWGROUND
KABARNET	27/11/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM KABARNET SHOWGROUND
NORTH RIFT KITALE	28/11/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM KITALE SHOWGROUND
MIGORI	8/12/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM MIGORI SHOWGROUND
SOUTHERN KENYA KISII	9/12/25	10.00A.M 12.00NOON	BCM KISII SHOWGROUND
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MILIMANI
COMMERCIAL
COMMERCIAL SUIT DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: MCCOMMSU/E1219/2024

John Justo Ambuchi
Plaintiff
VERSUS
Occidental Insurance Company Limited
Defendant
Ongumwe Auctioneers
Defendant

(Service of Summons to be effected through The Plaintiff's Advocates Office.)

TO: 1. Occidental Insurance Company Limited,
2. Ongumwe Auctioneers

WHEREAS the above-named Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you upon the claim, the Particulars of which are set out in the copy of Plaintiff with annexure attached hereto.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED within 14 days from the date of service hereof to enter an appearance in the said suit.

SHOULD YOU FAIL to enter an appearance within the time mentioned above, the Plaintiff may proceed with the suit and Judgement may be given in your absence.

Given and issued under my hand and the Seal of the Court this 07 day of Oct. 2025.

Judiciary Of Kenya,
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MILIMANI COMMERCIAL
Date: 07-Oct-2025

IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MILIMANI COMMERCIAL
Executive Officer
Or Officer appointed under O. 5., rule 3(2)

Court Ex-politician's family fights for a share of Sh17bn estate

Will raises queries in Keen succession case

Daughter says she is ready to prove that the document was invalid

SAM KIPLAGAT AND RICHARD MUNGUTI

The succession battle involving the Sh17 billion estate of former Assistant Minister John Keen started yesterday with one of his daughter's saying she will show that the Will allegedly written by the politician in 2015 was invalid.

Appearing before Justice Hillary Chemitei, Victoria Naishorua Keen said in her opening statement that her late father lacked 'testamentary capacity' to write the Will dated December 15, 2015.

Ms Naishorua, the firstborn daughter of Keen, maintained that the Will was invalid and therefore, the grant of probate dated April 4, 2017, should be revoked immediately and for the court to make appropriate orders on the administration of the estate.

"The applicant will prove that the questioned signatures of the deceased, including those on the purported last Will and Testament dated December 2, 2015, in comparison with known signatures of the deceased, are all forgeries," she said.

Keen died on December 25, 2016 aged 88 and was buried at his Osilalaei farm on December 30, 2016.

He was married to four wives and had more than 30 beneficiaries.

Keen's first wife, Gladwell Wairimu Keen, whom he married in December 1957, bore him six children while the second, Mary Njeri Keen had five children. The third wife, Rosemary Sanau Keen had two children and the last wife, Jane Wamuyu



Former Assistant Minister John Keen. FILE | NATION

Keen had one child.

Before he died, Keen had allegedly gifted his dependants some properties which were captured in the Will, to all the four houses.

Ms Naishorua said in the statement that it was during the funeral that they were informed by his step-brother, Anthony Simel Keen, that their father had left a Will with the law firm of Maina Wachira & Company Advocates.

The family was then invited for the reading of the Will on January 4, 2017 at their home in Karen. While being led by her lawyer Philip Murgor, Ms Naishorua admitted that the Will was read in the presence of family members and others.

She, however, said that she and her siblings were "extremely shocked at the unfair distribution" of the estate.

She said the distribution favoured the second and third houses. Ms Naishorua said she will also prove allegations of inter-meddling with the property and disposal of some assets belonging to the estate, before the grant of probate was confirmed.

She further complained that the house of Gladwell, who died in 2020, had been given a raw deal. She had earlier told the court that in the interest of justice, to intervene and redistribute the estate fairly, equitably and proportionately among the beneficiaries. But then High Court Judge Aggrey Muchelule, in a ruling in January 2023, said all the wives, children and grandchildren were provided for in the Will. The hearing was adjourned to October 29.

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EDUCATION

Trustees to cater for grandchildren

The judge said although Mr Keen indicated that he had no obligation to provide for his grandchildren, he had out of his own free will provided for them. In one of the clauses in the Will, Mr Keen had asked the Trustees to cater for the grandchildren's education and to give those over 21 and not in school such monies to enable them advance in life.

Kenyans turn to MPs for help

BY SAMUEL OWINO

The National Assembly has seen a surge in public petitions, with Kenyans increasingly turning to Parliament to resolve issues the Executive has failed to address.

In the past 18 months, the House has received more than 350 petitions—double those filed during the entire term of the 12th Parliament. Land disputes, forest de-gazettement, teachers' welfare, and healthcare dominate public concerns.

National Assembly Clerk Samuel Njoroge attributed the rise to greater citizen engagement, saying the number spiked after the rejection of the Finance Bill, 2024. His office is exploring e-petitions to streamline submissions and reduce paperwork.

Parliament buildings now see weekly delegations and protests from groups seeking lawmakers' attention. This week, the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) and civ-

il society groups are expected to petition over the doctors' strike in Kiambu County and the disappearance of two activists in Kampala.

As of October 10, 2025, 41 petitions remain pending before the Public Petitions Committee, excluding those referred to other committees. Speaker Moses Wetang'ula said the surge reflects public confidence in Parliament, urging committees to expedite their reviews.

Among the major cases, the Universities' Academic Staff Union (UASU) has petitioned MPs to allocate Sh7.9 billion for implementation of the 2017-2021 collective bargaining agreement. In health, the Kenya Network of Cancer Organisations (KENCO) has sought reforms to the Social Health Authority (SHA), calling for increased oncology benefits and an audit of SHA funds.

The Public Petitions Committee, established to ease committee workloads, reviews all petitions and recommends action to the House.

Mount Kenya University



Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor,
Academic and Research Affairs

28th GRADUATION CEREMONY FRIDAY, 5th December, 2025

The Chancellor, Mount Kenya University, Prof John Struthers on behalf of the University Council, Management Board and Senate, wishes to inform all our esteemed graduands who have qualified for conferment of degree and various University Awards, that the **28th Graduation ceremony** will be held on **Friday, 5th December, 2025**.

All prospective graduands should note the following:

1. GRADUATION DATE

The graduation ceremony will be held on **Friday, 5th December, 2025** at **9.00 a.m.** at the graduation pavilion, **Happy Valley grounds, along Garissa Road**.

2. CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony will be presided over by the University Chancellor, **Prof. John Struthers**, who will award Diplomas and Certificates and confer Degrees.

3. GUEST SPEAKER

CPA Dr. Aurelia Rono, Principal Secretary, State Department for Parliamentary Affairs, Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary, Kenya.

4. REGISTRATION FOR GRADUATION

The list of prospective graduands who have cleared with the university will be posted on the University website. Any potential graduand whose name is not on the list should immediately notify the respective school through emails posted on the University website.

Online clearance for graduation should be done through the University Management Information System on the Link: <https://studentportal.mku.ac.ke>

Graduands should have cleared financially with the University by **3rd November, 2025** for their names to be included in the graduation booklet and certificate list.

5. VERIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RECORDS AND ORDER OF NAMES

All graduands are requested to verify their names by **3rd November, 2025**. Any requests for changes in spellings and orders of names should be done within this period at the respective campus admissions office. Any request for change of name must be supported by the relevant academic document(s).

6. REHEARSAL

All graduands intending to participate in the ceremony will attend the rehearsal at the graduation pavilion on **4th December, 2025** at **9.00 a.m.**

7. GRADUATION GOWNS

Graduands are expected to be in full graduation attire for both the rehearsal and graduation ceremonies. The graduation gowns will be hired from **Friday, 21st November, 2025 to Monday, 1st December, 2025** and will be collected from the respective Deans of Schools at the Main Campus, Thika, and from the Examination Offices in respective campuses during office hours.

The hired graduation gowns must be returned on or before **Thursday, 18th December, 2025**. Any delay in returning the gown will attract a daily charge of **Kshs. 500**.

8. COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATES

The 28th graduation certificates issuance dates shall be communicated during the graduation ceremony (usually within a week after graduation). The graduates shall be expected to pick the certificate in person after clearing. They should present their original identification documents (ID / Passport).

The university congratulates all the graduates who have been successfully conferred degrees and awarded diplomas and certificates during the past University graduation ceremonies. The graduates are notified that they are expected to collect their certificates within a period of one year after graduation. Certificates not collected within the said period attract an annual storage fee of **Kshs. 1,200**.

There will be live coverage and streaming on TV47. You can also follow us on the Mount Kenya University website. www.mku.ac.ke, Microsoft Teams and social media platforms.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT | FOURTH SESSION

**CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON THE DEMISE OF THE
RT. HON. RAILA AMOLLO ODINGA, EGH, SECOND
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

The Nation mourns with profound sorrow the passing on of the Second Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya, the Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, EGH, which occurred on Wednesday, 15th October 2025, while undergoing treatment in India.

Born on 7th January 1945 in Maseno, Kisumu County, the late Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga was the son of the late Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, Kenya's first Vice President, and the late Mary Juma Odinga. He lived a life marked by courage, resilience, and an unyielding commitment to democracy, human rights, and national unity.

A mechanical engineer and entrepreneur, he rose from academia to public service, eventually emerging as a central figure in Kenya's struggle for multiparty democracy. His political journey was defined by sacrifice, having endured detention for his steadfast belief in freedom and justice.

As Prime Minister from the year 2008 to 2013, the Rt. Hon. Odinga demonstrated exceptional leadership in national reconciliation, constitutional reform, and infrastructure development, leaving an enduring legacy epitomized by the promulgation of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and his contribution to flagship projects such as the Thika Superhighway and LAPSET Corridor.

Beyond Kenya's borders, while serving as the African Union High Representative for Infrastructure Development, he distinguished himself as a true African statesman and a Pan Africanist by championing the modernization and completion of the Trans-African Highways Network and Continental High-Speed Freight Railways Network, driving the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) in support of regional connectivity and integration. His vision for a united, prosperous, and democratic Africa will continue to inspire generations.

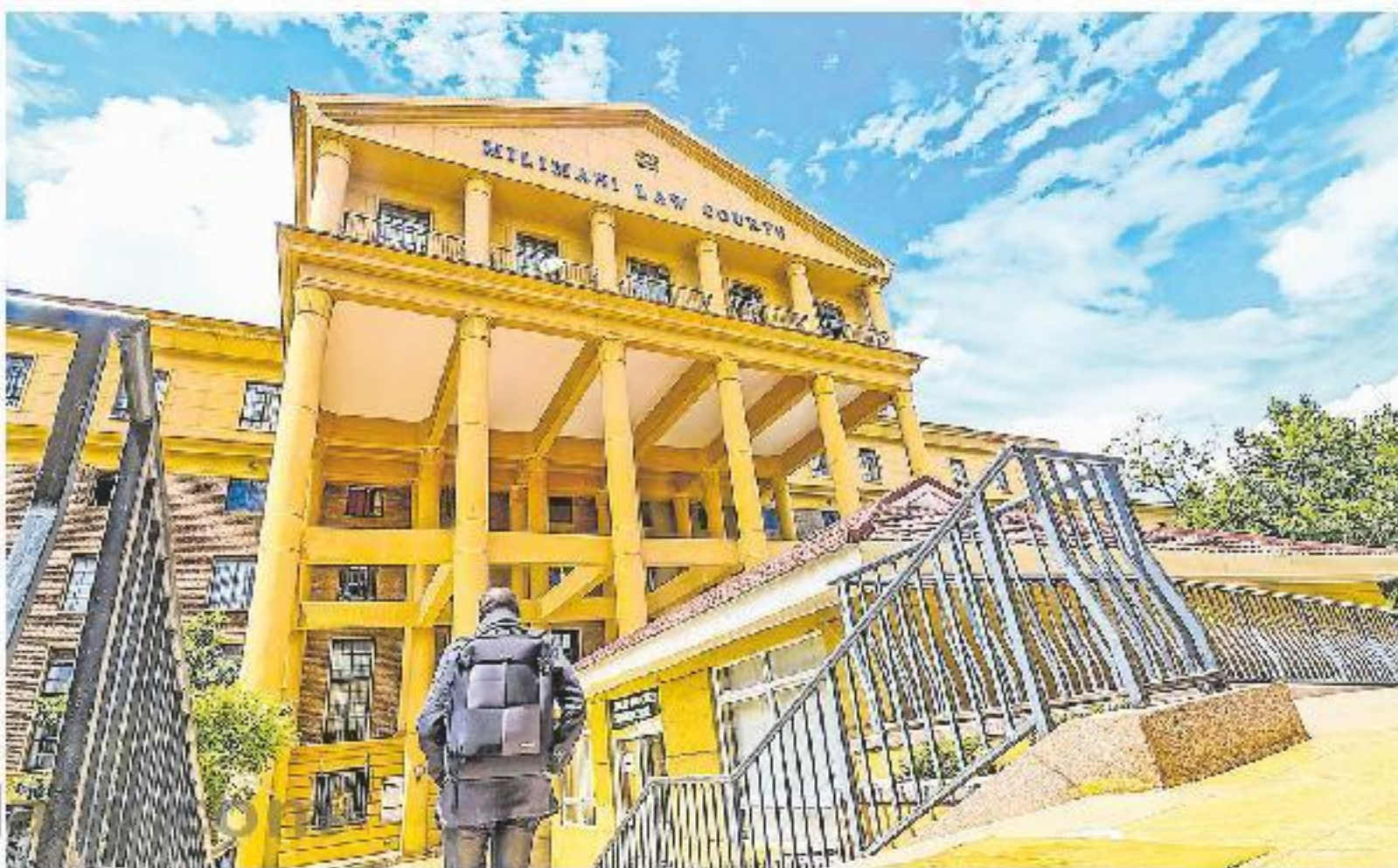
Kenya has lost a true statesman, patriot, and peacebuilder affectionately known as *Agwamba*, *Baba* and *Jakom* whose devotion to nationhood transcended political divides.

On behalf of the Senate, I extend our deepest condolences to Mama Ida Odinga, the Odinga family, friends, and the people of Kenya. May the Almighty God grant them comfort and strength during this time of mourning and may the soul of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, EGH, rest in eternal peace.

**RT. HON. AMASON J. KINGI, EGH, MP,
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.**

Row Issue may spark delays similar to those experienced

Filling of vacancies at NLC in limbo amid court battles



The entrance to the Milimani Law Courts in Nairobi. FILE | NATION

The legal standoff risks stalling reconstitution of the National Land Commission

BY DAVID MWERE

Two conflicting court orders have thrown the recruitment of new National Land Commission (NLC) commissioners into uncertainty.

The commission has now sought guidance from Attorney-General Dorcas Oduor to resolve the legal impasse.

According to NLC's lawyer, Mr Kennedy Echesa, the commission is now grappling with "orders from two superior courts on the same matter" concerning the recruitment process. "We have forwarded both orders to the Attorney-General for guidance on whether an order of the High Court can overturn one issued by the Employment and Labour Relations Court (ELRC)," he said.

The legal standoff risks stalling the reconstitution of the NLC, with former Attorney-General Justin Muturi warning that mishandling the issue could lead to prolonged delays similar to those experienced with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC). "It took more than two years to reconstitute the IEBC. We do not want a repeat of that at the NLC," said Mr Muturi, who also served as National Assembly Speaker. President William Ruto, through a

Gazette notice dated August 15, 2025, declared vacancies in the eight-member NLC, whose six-year, non-renewable term ends on November 14, 2025. He then appointed a seven-member selection panel chaired by former Isiolo Woman Representative Reheema Jaldesa to oversee the recruitment.

However, two commissioners — Ms Tiya Galgalo and former Nyeri Town MP Esther Murugi — moved to the ELRC, contesting the declaration of vacancies in their positions. They argued that they joined the commission a year after their colleagues and still had a year left in their terms.

On September 30, 2025, Justice Nduma Nderi declined to stop the recruitment process and directed that the case be heard *inter partes* on October 16, 2025. He ordered that the two commissioners receive all their dues in full, after which the recruitment process could continue. Unsuccessful at the ELRC, Ms Galgalo filed a similar petition at the High Court's Constitutional and Human Rights Division, where Justice Bahati Mwamuye initially handled the matter before it was placed before Justice Chacha Mwita.

On October 9, 2025, Justice Mwi-

ta issued a conservatory order barring the selection panel from grading candidates or forwarding names to the appointing authorities. "A conservatory order is hereby issued restraining the respondents, their agents, or anyone acting on their behalf from evaluating applicants or recommending persons for appointment as commissioners," he ruled.

In her petition, Ms Galgalo stated that she filed a notice to withdraw the earlier case at the ELRC on October 3, 2025, after Justice Nderi had issued his orders. Mr Echesa argued that the High Court's directive contradicts Justice Nderi's ruling, which allowed recruitment to proceed and ordered payment of dues to the two commissioners.

He added that the new order does not entirely halt the process but restricts certain stages. "The interviews shall proceed within the parameters set by the court," he said, noting the panel's understanding that the ELRC ruling had settled the issue.

Besides Ms Jaldesa, the selection panel comprises Mr Jasper Mbiuki, Ms Peris Mang'ira, Ms Electine Nasambu, Ms Ann Mwangangi, Ms Bibiana Omalla, and Prof Nicholas Letting. Ms Galgalo and Ms Murugi were appointed NLC members on December 21, 2020, for fixed six-year terms. The August 27, 2025 advertisement declared all eight positions vacant from November 14, 2025, but Ms Galgalo maintains her term runs beyond that date since she joined later than her colleagues.

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Date in August when President William Ruto declared vacancies at the National Land Commission through a Gazette notice.



WORLD FOOD DAY

Theme: 'Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future'

Feeding Kenya's future, one partnership at a time

BY PHILIP MAINA

On October 16, the global community marks the World Food Day under the theme, "Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future." It's a reminder that fixing our food system isn't a solo act but a team sport involving everyone who has a part to play in shaping a healthier, more resilient food system –from governments and businesses to farmers and consumers.

Kenya's challenge is clear. Despite progress, 18 percent of children under five are stunted, a measure of chronic under-nutrition. About five percent are wasted and 10 percent are underweight. These are not just statistics; they are futures at stake, and a call to match ambition with action.

At Kenchic Plc, we believe that better food begins with better partnerships. For over 40 years, we've worked hand in hand with farmers, suppliers, regulators, retailers and communities, to make safe, nutritious chicken more accessible, while growing dignified livelihoods across Kenya.

Partnering with farmers for productivity and resilience, our technical teams visit farms nationwide, coaching on chick management, biosecurity, hygiene, housing, and feed conversion. The aim is simple: Healthier birds, lower losses, higher incomes. When smallholders thrive, local economies do too.

Smallholder farmers are at the heart of Kenya's food system. Yet many face challenges such as limited access to quality inputs, technical knowledge, and stable markets. Kenchic has been working to change that by providing the tools and training farmers need to succeed.

Across the country, our technical teams visit farms regularly to offer advice on animal care, hygiene, biosecurity, feed management, and housing. We ensure that farmers understand best practices that improve bird health and productivity. This hands-on support has helped thousands of poultry farmers reduce losses, improve incomes, and



Solar panels at the Kenchic processing plant.

build more resilient businesses.

When farmers thrive, so do communities. Each successful poultry farm creates jobs, supports families, and stimulates local economies. Poultry farming has become a reliable source of livelihood for many Kenyans and a key driver of rural development.

Food safety sits at the core of everything Kenchic does. From hatchery to table, we maintain strict standards to ensure that every product is safe, fresh, and of the highest quality.

We follow responsible farming practices and do not use antibiotics to speed up growth. Instead, we prioritise prevention through good animal husbandry and hygiene. Every chicken can be traced back to its origin, offering full transparency and peace of mind to our customers.

To make safe food more accessible, we are expanding our network of Kenchic Mtaani butcheries in towns such as Rongai, Thika, Syokimau, and Eldoret. These outlets bring affordable, high-quality chicken closer to consumers while helping formal-

ise the meat sector, reducing risks linked to unregulated markets and improving food handling standards.

We understand that how we farm today determines the kind of world our children will inherit. That's why sustainability guides everything we do.

Kenchic has invested in a 1.3-megawatt solar power system that reduces our reliance on the national grid, cuts energy costs, and lowers our carbon footprint. By harnessing renewable energy, we are doing our part to fight climate change while ensuring our operations remain efficient and sustainable.

We also uphold strong animal welfare standards, ensuring that our birds have space to move, natural light, clean air, and access to nutritious feed and water. These conditions promote healthy, stress-free growth, which translates into better quality chicken for consumers.

Our approach is simple: When we care for our animals and our environment, we create better food and a better future.

In Kenya, many families still strug-

gle to include enough protein in their daily diets. Malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies remain pressing challenges, especially among children. Chicken and eggs are among the most affordable and nutritious protein sources, rich in vitamins and minerals essential for growth and good health. By producing quality poultry products locally, Kenchic is helping bridge the nutrition gap and make balanced diets more achievable for all Kenyans.

As the demand for protein continues to grow, our goal is to ensure that no family is left behind, and that every Kenyan, regardless of income or location, can enjoy safe, nutritious, and affordable food.

We know that real progress cannot happen in isolation. Building a sustainable food future requires collaboration between farmers, businesses, government, researchers, and consumers. We are proud to work with partners who share our vision for a food-secure Kenya. Together, we are exploring ways to make farming more productive, reduce food waste, and promote responsi-

ble consumption.

Public-private partnerships can unlock opportunities in areas like cold-chain infrastructure, farmer financing, and nutrition education, all crucial to strengthening Kenya's food system. The future of food lies in such collaborations, where everyone contributes their expertise and resources to achieve shared goals.

We remain guided by one simple truth: When we work hand in hand, we can create lasting change. Together, we can build a Kenya where every household has access to safe, affordable food, where farmers prosper, and where future generations inherit a healthier, more sustainable world.

This World Food Day 2025, we renew our commitment to three things: Quality food, farmer empowerment, and care for the planet. Kenya's food future will be built the Kenyan way – hand in hand, one farm, one family and one chicken at a time.

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Kenchic employee at a Kenchic Butchery.



Kenchic employee at an event.

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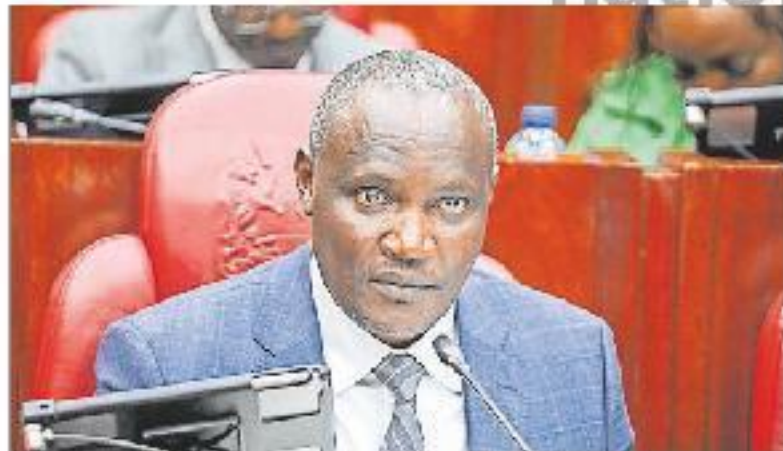
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Why Kenyans must resist calls for blanket tax hikes

The World Bank's recent recommendation for Kenya to raise consumption taxes, particularly VAT and excise duty to clear mounting pending bills has reignited a critical debate about the country's fiscal future. With government arrears surging from Sh421.6 billion in March to Sh526 billion by June 2025, the urgency to settle debts is undeniable. However, the proposed remedy of further taxing already burdened citizens is not only economically risky, but socially volatile. Kenya's VAT currently stands at 16%, affecting essential goods like fuel, electricity, and cooking gas. Excise duties target everyday items such as airtime, alcohol, and betting. Raising these taxes would deepen the cost-of-living crisis, shrink household purchasing power, and risk triggering another wave of protests like those that derailed the Finance Bill in 2024 and 2025. The Treasury's recent decision to avoid new taxes amid public unrest was a prudent move, but the pressure from external lenders remains.

Lobby groups, including the Motorists Association of Kenya, have rightly questioned why ordinary Kenyans should bear the brunt of debts tied to mismanaged or opaque projects. Many of these pending bills stem from contracts awarded without proper oversight or linked to loans with questionable terms. Citizens should not be punished for inefficiencies they did not cause.

To avert this pressure from the World Bank and similar institutions, Kenyans must demand transparency and accountability. Public audits of pend-



National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbatia. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

Anti-corruption reforms must be prioritised to plug the billions lost annually to graft



Kennedy Juma | Fiscal policy

ing bills and project outcomes should be made accessible. Anti-corruption reforms must be prioritised to plug the billions lost annually to graft. Civil society and watchdog organisations should be empowered to challenge harmful fiscal policies and amplify citizen voices. Civic education is also crucial, understanding how fiscal policy works enables citizens to advocate for alternatives and resist unfair proposals.

A balanced approach is possible. Instead of hiking VAT, the government should broaden the tax base by including more luxury goods and services under existing brackets. Wasteful spending must be cut, and non-essential projects shelved. The Kenya Revenue Authority should be strengthened to improve revenue collection, especially in the informal and digital economies, without hurting small businesses. Most importantly, Kenya must negotiate smarter with lenders, asserting its sovereignty and rejecting terms that prioritize debt repayment over citizen welfare.

The World Bank's call for higher taxes may be framed as fiscal discipline, but for many Kenyans, it feels like economic punishment. We must resist blanket tax hikes and advocate for reforms that protect livelihoods while restoring fiscal health. Kenya's future depends not on how much we tax, but on how wisely we spend.

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Rethink new alcohol rules

Imagine a single story, told over and over, until it's accepted as truth. Now, imagine that story becoming government policy—a policy that could wipe out entire industries with the stroke of a pen.

That's exactly what's happening with Nacada's proposed new alcohol rules. They're telling a single, scary story about alcohol, one where it's purely a villain to be erased from society. In their telling, there's no room for a cold Tusker after a long week, a glass of wine with dinner, or the traditional brews that have blessed our ceremonies for generations. They see a vice, not a vibrant part of our culture and economy that needs smart management, not a sledgehammer.

This puritanical panic attack ignores a simple truth: you can't legislate a complex issue out of existence. Instead, you create a monster. Let's talk money. This policy isn't just about closing bars; it's about pulling the plug on a massive economic engine. We're talking about a value chain that supports over 1.3 million jobs. That's 1.3 million paychecks, 1.3 million families.

The math isn't complicated. Step outside any thriving bar or restaurant on a Friday night. See the waiters, the managers, the security. Then look further: the mama selling smokies and maandazi from her trolley, the carwash buzzing with life, the barber shop doing a roaring trade. This vibrant ecosystem doesn't survive on water alone. Crush the alcohol trade, and

We do not need a prohibitionist fantasy. We need a dose of reality



Michael Muthami | Punitive

you collapse this entire world of hustle and opportunity. While Kenya is trying to kill its nightlife, countries like the UK are actively fueling their "Night-Time Economy," recognising it as a goldmine for jobs, tourism, and city life. They celebrate their pubs and breweries as part of their heritage. We, it seems, are determined to treat ours as a dirty secret.

We don't need a prohibitionist fantasy. We need a dose of reality. We need smarter police work, not more paperwork. We need public education on responsible consumption, not punitive bans that punish everyone. It's time to tear up this single-story script and write a new one.

Michael Muthami is the chairman of the Pubs, Entertainment and Restaurants Association of Kenya.

Journalists, activists, and whistle-blowers have found themselves dragged through lengthy, expensive lawsuits



Deraso Dokhole | Freedom

When justice turns against free speech

In Kenya today, the battle for free expression is being fought not only on the streets but also in courtrooms. Powerful figures in politics, business, and government are using the legal system to intimidate those who dare to question them.

What appears on paper as a defamation or privacy case often hides a more sinister motive: to silence criticism and discourage public participation. Journalists, activists, and whistle-blowers have found themselves dragged through lengthy, expensive lawsuits that serve no real legal purpose except to exhaust them.

The outcome of such actions is predictable. Financial strain, public humiliation, and emotional distress force many into silence. Others, watching from the sidelines, learn to stay quiet. In this way, the law becomes a weapon and justice, a tool of repression.

Kenya's Constitution promises freedom of expression and media independence. Yet these freedoms are being eroded by the strategic misuse of legal instruments meant to protect them. The same laws that once guaranteed speech are now being used to punish it.

Human rights defenders and journalists, especially women, face a double layer of intimidation: legal harassment alongside gendered abuse and online attacks. The effect is chilling: a society where speaking out feels dangerous and silence becomes self-preservation.

But a new voice has risen one that refuses to be quiet. Kenya's Gen Z movement has reshaped public discourse, confronting inequality, corruption, and state excesses with courage and creativity. Through social media, digital art, and street protests, young Kenyans are holding power to account in ways that previous generations could not.

Their defiance, however, has been met with a familiar response. Protesters have been detained, online activists summoned for questioning, and others accused of "spreading false information" under the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act. The same tactics once used against journalists are now being deployed against ordinary citizens.

Still, Gen Z remains unbowed. Their digital protests, from hashtags to mass demonstrations, have exposed the limits of intimidation. In their determination, they remind the nation that accountability cannot be censored not by courts, not by threats, and not by fear.

When those in power use the law to silence criticism, democracy itself is weakened. Public accountability depends on the ability to question, investigate, and speak without fear of retaliation. The erosion of that freedom doesn't just harm activists it harms every citizen who relies on truth to make informed choices.

Kenya stands at a crossroads. It can either continue down a path where dissent is criminalised, or it can renew its commitment to transparency and justice. That choice will determine whether the Constitution's promises remain words on paper or living principles guiding the nation's conscience.

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DAILY NATION

Raila's death a big loss for country and family

The country has just been plunged into deep sorrow and mourning following the passing away of veteran politician Raila Odinga. The leader of opposition party Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) and former Prime Minister died yesterday in India, where he was undergoing medical treatment.

Mr Odinga, 80, was one of the country's greatest personalities, having served in several key positions, including those of MP for Lang'ata in Nairobi for many years and Cabinet minister. He was also an influential figure in the East African region and on the continent, where he held the position of African Union (AU) High Representative for Infrastructure Development for several years.

President William Ruto, who has been working with Raila in a "broad-based government of national unity" with his United Democratic Alliance (UDA) party and its Kenya Kwanza coalition, has, in an official statement, expressed his "profound sorrow and the deepest sense of loss". He also ordered that the National Flag be flown at half-mast at the State House and throughout the country until his burial.

The former Premier's death is a big loss, not just to the country, the region, the continent, and the world, but also mainly to his family. Gone forever is a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and caring family member, who contributed immensely to stability and progress.

Raila, whom Nigerian biographer Babafemi Badejo described as "an enigma in Kenyan politics" in a book of that title, devoted his entire adult life to the struggle for the freedoms and rights of fellow Kenyans. He played a key role in the robust campaign for what has been dubbed the "second liberation" that led to the restoration of multiparty rule, ending several decades of single-party dictatorship.

The ODM leader was among those who delivered the 2010 Constitution, which has been described as one of the most progressive documents on the continent and globally. Described as a great mobiliser and towering political figure, he unsuccessfully vied five times for the national presidency and lost. His critics have accused him of having a penchant for disputing election results and not conceding defeat, but there was some truth in his claims of election rigging.

He has also been derided by some as the master of "handshakes" for personal gain after losing elections, as this created room for him as some kind of co-president. He worked with Presidents Daniel arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki, and Uhuru Kenyatta, with his death ending his personal engagement with current leader Ruto. His reconciliatory gestures through the handshakes helped to ease tension in the country and restore peace and stability, averting mayhem.

The most devastating was the hotly disputed 2007 presidential election that sparked violence that killed more than 1,500 mostly innocent Kenyans and displaced 600,000 from their farms and homes, especially in the Rift Valley. The other was the nullification in 2017 of then-President Uhuru Kenyatta's victory. But Mr Odinga and his allies opted out of the repeat election, which Mr Kenyatta won.

His decision in March to work with President Ruto after the highly disputed 2022 election that the latter won with a slim margin of about 200,000 votes came as a big surprise to many people. After all, Raila had vigorously denounced the election results as fraudulent.

The two leaders often explained that they had agreed to work closely together to confront the country's socio-economic and political challenges. The former PM defended his unity deal with President Ruto, saying it was necessary to help avert instability. He then strongly pledged to work hard for inclusive governance.

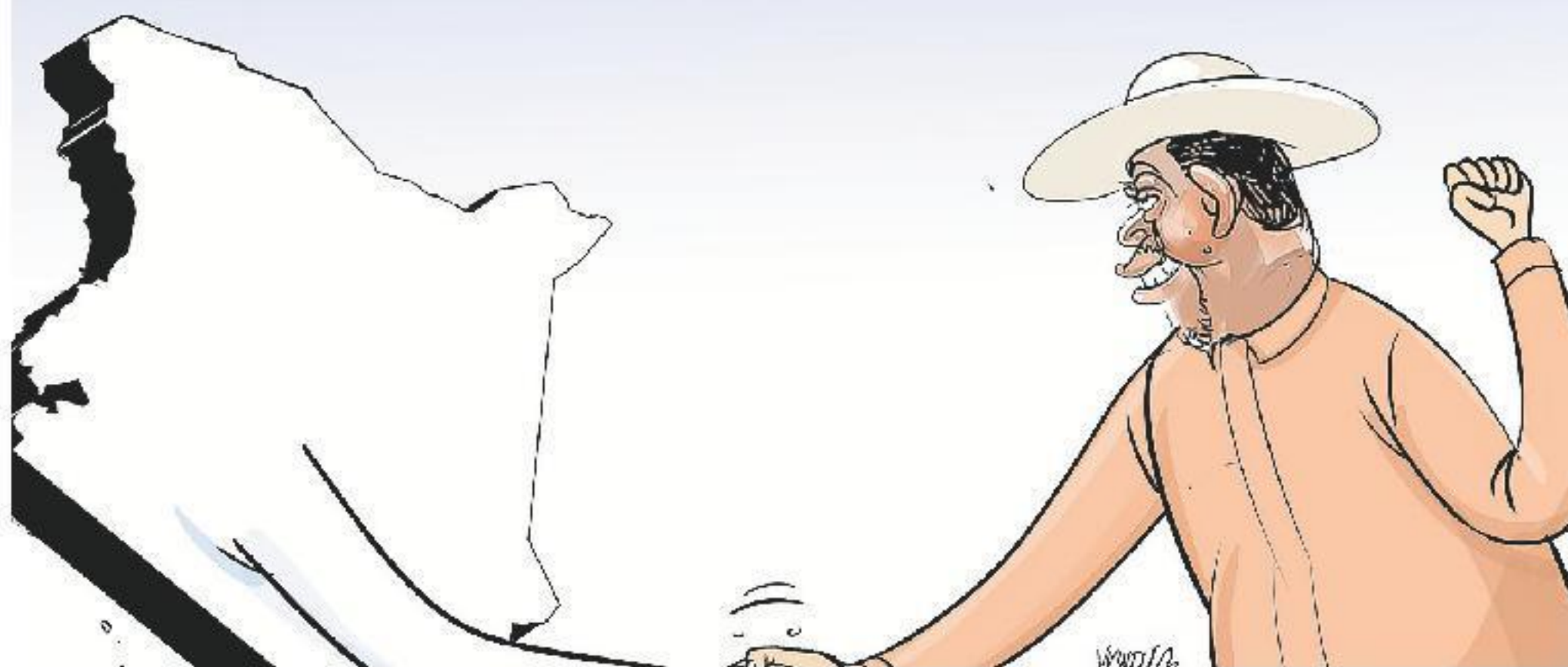
Raila attracted admiration and hatred in equal measure, but was always steadfast in pursuit of what he believed was in the best interests of the country and its people. A great man has rested forever, and his wise counsel will be missed on the national political front and, of course, in his own solid political party, which, incidentally, has been engaged in the ongoing celebrations of the 20th anniversary of its founding. He has signed off permanently after his long contribution to enhancing governance and building democracy for national prosperity. The political enigma, Raila, has left behind a solid legacy that should be emulated by other leaders as an inspiration to serve and help solve national challenges.

FINAL HANDSHAKE

RAILA AMOLLO ODINGA

RIP 'BABA'

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Kenya Gen Z's spark now burns hot

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These rebellions that Kenya's Gen Z protesters started in 2024 have now claimed their biggest scalp yet, with the fall of Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina.

The irony is stark: Rajoelina, once a young DJ and mayor who seized power in 2009 through a youth-led military coup, has now been toppled by another generation's uprising, and by the same army that once carried him to the palace.

Madagascar, the large red island off Africa's southeast coast, is often seen as remote and beautiful. But three-quarters of its people live below the World Bank poverty line of \$2.15 a day, and power cuts, dry taps and empty shelves are daily struggles. Those shortages, not opposition party banners, sparked the protests that grew into a national movement.

By late September, Antananarivo's May 13 Square—the symbolic centre of a 1972 youth revolution—was once again filled with thousands of young protesters. Most were under 30, some still in school, others jobless or hustling to survive. Their slogans were fierce, their demands simple. "He [Rajoelina] must resign. Immediately," said 21-year-old law student Angie Rakoto, quoted by Reuters. When pressed about who should replace the president, she shrugged: "Honestly, I've no idea... but it must be someone for the Malagasy people, not himself."

That shrug captured the movement's essence. It was spontaneous, brave and pure, but directionless. The same "leaderless, tribeless, partyless" identity that made Kenya's 2024 Gen Z uprising so fresh and unifying has exposed its limits in Madagascar. The young there, too, fought with spirit, but lacked a plan for what would follow.

The movement unfolded on mobile phones as much as it did on the streets. Banners and memes mocked Rajoelina's speeches, while audio clips of him "confessing" to corruption spread swiftly across Malagasy TikTok before fact-checkers could respond. The protests were live-streamed, nar-

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Charles Onyango-Obbo | What others say

rated by influencers and amplified by the Malagasy diaspora. It became a digital, decentralised regime change powered by hashtags rather than military orders.

Yet the army decided the outcome. The elite CAPSAT unit (in English: Army Personnel Administration Centre), which had once brought Rajoelina to power, switched sides and backed the protesters. Rajoelina read the signs correctly and fled.

This could well be Africa's first Gen Z coup of the hyper-social media era—sparked and sustained online, then sealed by a military that chose to bend rather than break. It could also signal a new relationship between the barracks and the African street.

Across Africa, soldiers in uniform and protesters in trainers are increasingly part of the same generation. They grew up in the same hard streets, faced the same high prices, shared the same digital feeds, and lived under the same frustrated dreams. Armies are no longer composed of rural recruits isolated from civic life. They are educated, urban-born and digitally fluent. Years of unpaid allowances, corruption and nepotism within the forces have eroded the myth of loyalty to political masters. By turning against discredited regimes, these soldiers preserve their own institutional honour.

Kenya saw a glimpse of this shift in 2024. When soldiers were deployed to contain the Gen Z protests, they did not zealously bru-

talise the public, choosing instead a stance of calm restraint. That moment marked a subtle yet profound shift in how African armies relate to the societies they once dominated.

Madagascar's situation reveals both the danger and the promise of this convergence. The youth have proved they can shake power, but with no structure to replace what they have torn down, the most organised institution—the military—naturally steps into the vacuum. The young win the moment, but the system reabsorbs the victory.

Still, something irreversible is stirring beneath Africa's politics. Youth protest is evolving from brief outbursts of rage into a more comprehensive form of digital citizenship. These young Africans are not waiting for political parties or ageing elites to include them. They are building their own channels of influence through social media, crowdfunding, open data projects and civic tools.

Over the next decade, this energy is likely to coalesce into new political formations. Informal networks may evolve into civic movements with clear agendas on taxation, jobs, education and urban reform. Elected officials will face constant digital scrutiny from citizens who record every lie and broken promise.

If Madagascar was the spark, Kenya remains the testing ground. Its Gen Z activists have already shown an ability to combine humour with policy awareness. Their next evolution may be into local governance—running for county positions, forming digital cooperatives and turning their activism into tangible economic power.

Rajoelina's fall is both a warning and a beginning. The continent's rulers have been reminded that a meme can now undo power built on silence and suffering. However, for the youth, the lesson runs deeper: winning on the street is not the same as winning at the state level.

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Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE THE WATCHMAN

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Assistance • President William Ruto's offer to work with Nairobi City County to improve waste management, the tarmacking of roads and installation of streetlights is great, says Paul Khaemba. "He should also assist other towns, which are struggling with similar problems, and poor drainage and insecurity to enable a 24-hour economy and attract more foreign investors." His contact is khaembapaul714@gmail.com.

Nema negligence • The President is quite right that "Nairobi shouldn't continue to be the city in the filth", notes Moses Kiplangat. "But as he supports Governor Johnson Sakaja to deal with environmental issues, where is Nema? Plastic bags are being sold openly as raw sewage is discharged into rivers. As we bash Sakaja, we should also hold Nema accountable." His contact is kiplangatmoses2012@gmail.com.

Church project • Vehemently opposed to the construction of a church at State House, Nairobi, David Kigo says it will just gobble up billions in a blatant violation of the Constitution, which states that this is a secular State. "The occupant of the House on Hill should be at the forefront in defending the letter and the spirit of the supreme law of the land and not defying it." His email address is davidkigo@gmail.com.

MPs papers • The recent 'Nation' editorial on the need to authenticate the academic certificates of government employees was spot on, says Charles Imbandu. "This is a very good move. However, it should also be extended to the lawmakers. Their qualifications should be verified first to establish their levels of education before looking at the civil servants' papers." His email address is cmunameza@gmail.com.

Deadly arms • While the bandits in the North Rift and other northern regions are often reported to have more sophisticated weapons than what the police carry, Evans Macharia says these are not what are surrendered whenever there is an amnesty. "They just hand in old G3s and AK47s. So, where are the more deadly firearms? This is food for thought." His contact is evans_macharia@yahoo.com. Have a secure day, won't you!

LETTERS

Duale brought shame to his office

The recent outburst by the Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale after being questioned by members of the National Assembly's Health committee was shameful. Instead of answering the questions put forward to him, he hurled insults at the members. His behaviour portrays a person who is full of himself, insensitive, callous and disrespects the people he is supposed to serve. Mr Duale is out of touch with the tribulations the Mwananchi goes through to get health services through the dysfunctional Social Health Authority (SHA). SHA has many technical problems that need to be addressed, yet the minister chooses to engage in side shows. Mr Duale, you have brought shame to that office.

Samuel Mungai, Kiambu

Be present for your children this holiday

For the next two months, our children will be home full-time; let's plan wisely. First, safety must be paramount. Paedophiles are always lurking, sometimes they come disguised as friends or relatives. Second, let's be present. Unless it's absolutely unavoidable, resist the temptation to send them off to the village. Let's not transfer our parental duties; this is our season to show up. Third, let's ensure they're well-fed, not just in terms of quantity, but also nutrition. Finally, let's engage the children in meaningful activities, let them help around the house, learn a new skill. This holiday, let's not just "manage" our children, let's be there for them.

Joseph Njeru John, Gilgil

Curb killings among lovers, families

Over the past few months, murder cases have hoarded news headlines. Reports show an increase in gender-based killings with majority involving spouses or lovers in disputes linked to substance abuse, economic challenges and traditional beliefs that reinforce male dominance and control over women. This calls for urgent attention from all sectors of the society—including government and communities—to strengthen legal protection and prevent innocent bloodshed. We also need a strong Justice system that fights and protects the lives of its people.

Ivy Muia, Nairobi

ODM leader always put country first

As a nation, we are mourning an icon—a man many simply called Baba. Raila Amolo Odinga was a father figure, a symbol of resilience, and a rare unifying force. For more than half a century, his story intertwined with that of our nation. He bore the cost of conviction. He spent years behind bars for daring to dream of a freer, fairer Kenya. Throughout his political journey, Raila repeatedly placed the country above himself. He set aside personal ambition to bridge divides, to steady the ship. Among his most enduring legacies is the Constitution of Kenya. Rest well, Baba. You gave Kenya your all. We owe you nothing less than to try harder to live up to the dream you never stopped believing in.

Samfelix Randa

Raila death a big blow to Kenya

Raila Odinga's death is a big blow to not only his family, but to all Kenyans. The political arena will feel empty in the coming days for his shoes were too big for any other political figure to fit in. Raila touched the hearts of so many Kenyans in various ways. He has always been ready to fight for what is right for Kenyans. He gave hope to the many suffering Kenyans that better days will soon come. He was a great peacemaker. He will be greatly missed by Kenyans. My condolences to the family and fellow Kenyans.

Roselyne Karisa, Mombasa

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TODAY IN HISTORY



October 16, 2011: Kenya Defence Forces starts operating deep inside Somalia with orders to make sure there are no al-Shabaab extremists within 100 kilometres of the border. Units from the Kenya Army are understood to have crossed into Somalia through Liboi and Mandera with orders to ensure that insurgents do not launch attacks against Kenya. COMPILED BY ANNIEL NJOKA

LETTER OF THE DAY

Raila exit will expose political opportunists

It is not just Raila Odinga who has died—so have the political lives of the many posers who survived by hanging onto his coat.

For years, Raila was the oxygen of opposition politics, the gravitational force that held together politicians who lacked conviction but thrived under his name. Now, without his shadow to hide under, they stand exposed—empty, politically naked.

This moment marks a critical turning point for Kenya's political landscape. For two decades, our politics has revolved around personalities rather than ideas. Raila's exit forces the coun-

try to confront the uncomfortable truth that we have not built a culture of ideological politics. Instead, we have nurtured opportunism. Those who depended on Raila's charisma must now prove they can stand on their own merit or face political extinction.

Meanwhile, the vacuum left is an opportunity for a new generation of leaders—men and women unburdened by history, tribal debts, or liberation nostalgia. But whether this generation rises will depend on their courage to challenge entrenched political habits: patronage, betrayal and endless recycling of faces. The

public, weary of slogans and survival politics, is watching keenly.

Raila's death also exposes the weakness of our political institutions. For too long, parties have been personal vehicles, dissolving when their owners step aside. Unless Kenya reforms its party structures to be ideology-driven and membership-based, we will continue to witness this cycle of collapse and rebranding, where loyalty is bought, not earned. It is time for real political discipline to replace personality cults.

Equally important is the need for citizens to stop romanticising struggle politics. Kenya's fu-

ture will not be built on who suffered most, but on who can deliver results. Our democracy matures when citizens stop looking for saviours and start demanding systems that work—from the economy to governance to social welfare.

In the end, history will not remember those who merely clung to power by association, but those who dared to redefine it. The shadows are fading, and the stage is bare. The question is: who will step forward, not as a disciple, but as a leader for Kenya's next chapter?

Joseph Katiku Kioko, Nairobi





CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) REPORT DEVELOPMENT AND AUTOMATION OF BANK RECONCILIATION

The multi-donor funded programme "Strengthening Good Financial Governance (GFG) in Zambia IV" is financed by the European Union (EU) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Summary of the Assignment

As part of its support to the Office of the Accountant General (OAG), GFG IV Programme wishes to hire a suitably qualified and competent consulting firm to undertake the following consultancy services:

- i. To design and implement user specific reports in SAP IFMIS aimed at enhancing analysis, transparency and accountability for decision making and financial reporting.
- ii. To review and implement an upgrade to the existing SAP-IFMIS automated bank reconciliation processes using SAP Electronic Bank Statements (EBS) aimed at eliminating manual effort, reduce errors, ensure timely reconciliation, improve compliance and financial reporting, thereby improving data integrity.

The contractor is responsible for providing the following services:

- Design, Development, configuration, review and improvements of reports in SAP IFMIS
- Automation of bank reconciliation in **SAP IFMIS**
- Cash and Liquidity Management
- Post implementation support

The service is expected to be performed between November 2025 to April 2026. All deliverables must be completed within this period.

Selection Criteria:

To qualify for consideration in the tender procedure, interested firms are required to meet the following qualifications and submit documents for eligibility assessment accordingly:

- Practical knowledge and experience in design and configuration of SAP solutions with various SAP systems, including SAP ECC6, SAP S/4HANA and SAP NetWeaver in a national government
- Practical knowledge and experience in the use of Advance Business Application Programming (ABAP).
- Practical experience in the use of SAP development tools, SAP Reporting tools, SAP transaction, ABAP dictionary and data modeling Practical knowledge and experience in design, development and configuration of customised budget monitoring and financial statement reports for a national government in SAP
- Practical knowledge and experience in design and configuration of SAP EBS process (Automated bank reconciliation process and related reports in SAP)
- With Experience in Southern Region

Additional submissions:

1. Annual total turnover for each of the last three (3) years, a minimum of 200,000 Euros or Zambian Kwacha equivalent per year is required.
2. List of completed and ongoing projects supported by at least 2 client references.
3. CV(s) detailing experience, competencies, and skills of key personnel for this project.

Submission Details:

- Official letter expressing interest.

How To Submit:

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The information and documents specified above shall be submitted to GIZ in PDF format by **Tuesday 28th October 2025 on or before 16:00hrs Zambian local time** to the following email address: **ZM_Quotation@giz.de**

The subject line must be clearly marked as: **"Call for Expression of Interest, Ref Development and Automation of Bank Reconciliation No. 83497605"**

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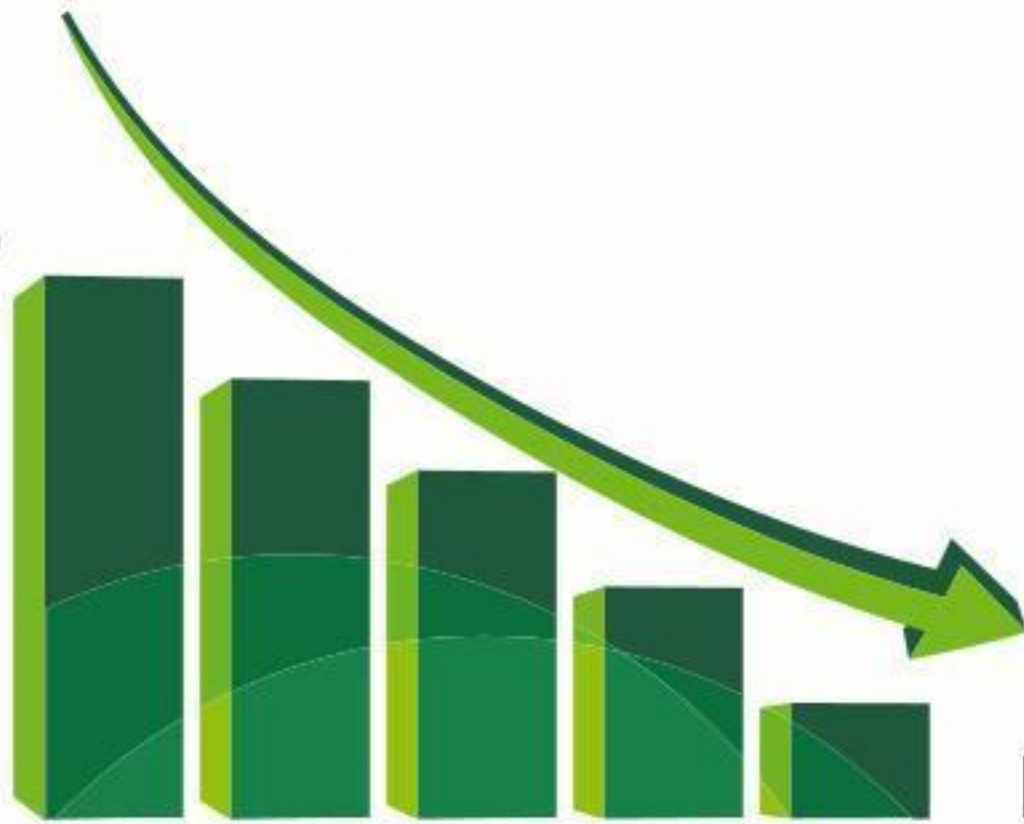
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In the matter of Consideration of persons Nominated for Appointment as Chairperson, Secretary and Members of the County Public Service Board Pursuant to the Provision of Section 58(A) of the County Governments (Amendment) Act 2020 and Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the County Assembly Public Service, Labour and Decentralized Units Committee notifies the nominees and the general public on the approval hearing as follows:

Name	Position	Date	Venue	Time
Abdi Adan Ahmed	Chairperson	21 st October 2025	County Assembly Chambers	9:00 am
Mohamed Adow Abdi	Secretary			9:30 am
Osman Ahmed Abdi	Member			10:00 am
Farhiya Abdirahman	Member			10:30 am
Siyad Dakat	Member			11:00 am
Ahad Hassan Ali	Member			11:30 am
Amina Yussuf Mohamed	Member			12:00 pm

The nominees are required to collect vetting questionnaire forms from Office of the Clerk during official working hours from **16th October 2025** and submit it together with copies of the following documents before **21st October 2025**:

1. ID card or passport
2. Curriculum vitae, testimonials and academic certificates
3. Current tax compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority
4. Current compliance certificate from Higher Education Loans Board
5. Current clearance certificate from the Credit Reference Bureau
6. Current valid certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigation
7. Current clearance certificate from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

The nominees are advised to bring the originals of the aforementioned documents on the vetting day.

Prior to the approval hearing, members of the public are encouraged to submit a written memorandum/ statement under oath to the Office of the Clerk with evidence on the suitability of the nominees to hold the said office. Any such written memorandum should be physically presented to the Office of the Clerk during official working hours or submitted via email address wajirclerk254@gmail.com

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County News

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State sets new standards for accrediting professional courses



Deputy President Kithure Kindiki meets leaders of CUE, KNQA and professional bodies to agree on criteria for harmonising, recognising and accrediting professional courses, and licensing professionals. Education CS Julius Ogamba was also present. PHOTO | DPCS

Meru

Teen 'drug mules' nabbed ferrying bhang

BY DAVID MUCHUI

Detectives in Meru are following leads on an emerging trend where bhang traffickers are using teenagers as drug mules.

On Monday, two teenage passengers boarded a matatu at the Tea Room terminus in Nairobi en route to Maua, Meru County. The matatu touts at the terminus loaded a travel bag into the boot of the 10-seater matatu, unaware of its contents.

The teens, aged 15 and 17, also had a rucksack that made them appear like schoolgirls. However, detectives from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) blew their cover when they intercepted the vehicle and directed the driver to take it to the Meru County Criminal Investigations Office.

It is there that the officers re-

covered 25 stones of bhang from the travel bag belonging to the two girls. The consignment weighed 75 kilogrammes. According to the police, the bhang has a street value of Sh750,000.

Meru County Commander Patrick Labolia said they had received intelligence from members of the public that several matatus heading to Meru were being used to ferry bhang.

"Thanks to our good relationship and collaboration with the public, our officers received information when the passengers boarded the matatu. Our sources indicated that several drug mules had boarded different vehicles en route to Meru. However, we managed to intercept one consignment," Mr Labolia said.

Maua Shark Express Company director Moses Kinyua said the two girls arrived at Tea Room on

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The number of bhang stones recovered from a travel bag belonging to the two girls

a motorcycle and boarded the matatu.

"Our staff could not know what was in the luggage until the vehicle was intercepted by the police in Meru. It appears the traffickers have been using these means to transport their drugs," Mr Kinyua said.

He said the suspects had carried the packages in school bags as a means of concealment.

"We did not manage to recover drugs in the second vehicle but

we learnt that the drug mules may have got wind of the operation," the police commander said.

Mr Labolia said detectives are now pursuing the recipient after gathering intelligence from the two suspects, who are now in custody.

"In the past, we have had a trend where bhang is transported through Meru to Nairobi. It now appears there is a change of tact among the traffickers. We are pursuing the key suspect who is already known," he said.

Meru County Commissioner Jacob Ouma said the region has been a conduit for drugs for long, leading to heightened surv

County Criminal Investigations Officer Abednego Kavoo said investigators have now widened their dragnet to the Maua, where the drugs were to be delivered.

Bungoma Contested property is adjacent to the Bungoma State

EACC wins court case in Sh35m land recovery

Court nullifies fraudulent ownership and orders eviction in major anti-graft victory

BY RUSHDIE OUDIA

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) secured a significant victory in court as it goes after illegally appropriated public assets, reclaiming a prime parcel of government land valued at Sh35 million.

The contested property, parcel number Bungoma Township/169, adjacent to the Bungoma State Lodge, had been unlawfully acquired and developed by a private individual.

Judith Nekoye had demolished a government-owned house on the land and replaced it with a private residence.

Presiding at the Environment and Land Court in Bungoma, Justice Enock Cheronu declared the entire chain of transactions leading to Ms Nekoye's ownership to be fraudulent, illegal and devoid of any legal standing.

"A declaration be and is hereby issued that the Certificate of Lease registered in favour of Charles Nyasani and Scholastica Nyakerario over parcel of land known as Bungoma Township/169 was fraudulently obtained, is null and void, and incapable of conferring any interest to the plaintiff (Ms Nekoye) or any other person whatsoever," stated Justice Cheronu.

The court held that the lease issued to Ms Nekoye on October 24, 2016 had been fraudulently procured and was, therefore, invalid in law.

According to court documents, Ms Nekoye purchased the 0.18-hectare plot in the afflu-

ent Milimani Estate of Bungoma Town in 2016 for Sh5.1 million from Charles Osioma Nyasani and Scholastica Nyakerario Osioma. The sellers had reportedly acquired the land in 2004.

Ms Nekoye told the court that she had conducted due diligence prior to the purchase. She cited a letter dated September 8, 2016, which indicated that the government had no claim over the property. Relying on this, she proceeded to register the land in her name, demolish the existing government house, and erect a high-end residential building – now valued at Sh30 million – with approvals from various government agencies.

However, her sense of security began to unravel on February 27, 2020, when she received a letter from the EACC summoning her for an interview and the recording of a statement in connection with the property.

Ms Nekoye would later argue in court that the EACC's insistence on her surrendering the land and providing ownership documentation infringed upon her constitutional rights. The anti-graft body, however, maintained that it was acting squarely within the law in its mission to recover pub-

0.18ha

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GARISSA UNIVERSITY 6TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

Theme: "Transforming Lives through Education, Innovation, and Community Service"

More progress at University as Government supports expansion projects

MESSAGE FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

It is my pleasure to join Garissa University as it marks this historic 6th Graduation Ceremony. On my own behalf and that of the Ministry of Education, I extend warm congratulations to the graduands and Garissa University fraternity in general for the years of hard work, resilience and determination to achieve this milestone we witness today.

For several years, the University has maintained an upward trajectory, rising from sorrowful historical events to a promising destiny in academia. I therefore thank the University Council, Management, Senate and Staff for their contribution towards students' academic success through teaching and guidance, beside building and nurturing social interactions.

Dear graduands, you are at your best to apply the knowledge gained during your study at Garissa University, to be the generators of knowledge, creators of jobs, and



Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba, EBS

agents of change towards transforming Kenya and communities across the world. I encourage you to continue expanding your academic horizons by taking full advantage of existing government and develop-

ment partners' scholarship opportunities.

For the country to reap maximum benefits from Garissa University, the Government expects both the Council and Management to be steadfast in their focus on the mandate and vision of this University. I encourage you to maintain your alignment with that course.

As Council continues to play its strategic leadership and oversight roles, management must demonstrate effective leadership for the realisation of the vision, mission and mandate through sound administrative actions and mounting quality and relevant niche programmes.

The Ministry of Education is in the process of establishing the National Physical Science Research Laboratories (NPSRL), which will be a centre of excellence in physical sciences for quality life, with a mission to generate and transfer cutting edge knowledge in physical sciences and technology through research for socio-economic development. The labs will constitute a one-stop research facility to handle both basic and applied physical

sciences, provide industrial solutions and promote science, technology and innovation. Universities should leverage on this development to partner with the Ministry and expand their research capabilities.

Additionally, the Ministry is collaborating with various stakeholders to establish Science and Technology Parks (STPs) as part of the Government's strategy to stimulate economic growth and facilitate transition from a labour-intensive to knowledge-driven economy. The STPs are aimed at creating 100,000 new jobs in the country.

The University education sector is undergoing transformational reforms to ensure it continues to offer competitive and relevant programmes that will propel the Government's agenda of addressing skills gaps, creating employment, and nurturing entrepreneurship amongst the youth. I assure all education stakeholders that the Government is committed to providing policy and financial support to all universities to foster continuous improvement in the quality of university education and alignment with the Competency Based

Education and Training.

Like in a number of universities, Garissa University Council and Management should focus on innovative and transformational initiatives that ensure sustainability in resource mobilisation and utilisation. Efficiency and relevance, research output and community outreach programmes should play a pivotal role in ensuring the University addresses the wider societal needs.

To support the development of Garissa University, the Ministry approved three major projects in the previous financial years, namely Tuition Block, Administration Block and Library. The ongoing implementation of these projects aims to bolster learning activities and enhance the facilities inherited from Garissa Teachers Training College. I reiterate our commitment to the funding of these projects to their ultimate completion.

Once again, congratulations to all graduands who are being conferred with academic degrees and awarded diplomas and certificates today.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

It is with sincere gratitude that I join Garissa University in celebrating the 6th Graduation. This is yet another historic moment for the University as it hosts a congregation to reward hard work, resilience, determination and success in academia.

The Graduands have invested rigorous efforts throughout their stay at the University. We also recognise the moral and financial support from parents and guardians, county and national governments, to see to it that students attain higher education.

I further thank the University Council, Senate, Management Board and the entire university community for supporting the



Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala, CBS

students to achieve the success being celebrated today. I believe they have been well nurtured and prepared for the responsibilities ahead in contributing to national development. Congratulations to all the Graduands being awarded today.

The State Department for Higher Education and Research is dedicated to supporting all the universities in Kenya to build strong and sustainable foundations anchored in policy, to bring about relevant transformational achievements. This is aimed at supporting the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, implemented under the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027.

The State Department will continue to support Garissa University to set up state of the art infrastructural facilities that promote teaching, learning, research and community outreach activities. Garissa

University has an enormous opportunity to spur research initiatives in a catchment area that covers 65 percent of the country's land mass. Specifically, the researchable areas of interest include climate change, sustainable dryland agriculture, green energy technology, peace and conflict management, and education amongst communities in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands.

The Ministry commits to complete the ongoing development projects at Garissa University and other public institutions of higher learning by allocating additional resources and supporting the new ones by exploring opportunities of funding such as Public-Private Partnerships, collaborations and linkages.

Our goal is to support the University to achieve its mandates as it pursues its vision of becoming a world-class centre of excellence through innovations, research

and development initiatives. I urge the University to stay forefront in aligning its academic programmes to the Competency-Based Education and Training, while focusing on setting a niche that attract and retain students, for stability and sustainability.

Generally, universities are called upon to prudently manage the resources allocated to them by the State Department through deliberate policy frameworks that support student-centred learning approaches, so as to produce competent graduates for the job industry and community development. This way, universities will have deeper impact.

Finally, I wish all graduands the best in their future academic and career endeavours.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRPERSON OF GARISSA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the University Governing Council, University Management and the entire Garissa University fraternity, I am delighted to convey warm greetings during this 6th Graduation Ceremony since the award of the Charter in 2017.

On the same breadth, I congratulate the Garissa University Class of 2025 on your graduation today. The results of your effort, dedication and determination have given us a reason to celebrate. I acknowledge and thank the Governing Council, the University Management, the Senate and the Staff for their significant role in providing an enabling environment to ensure your studies and stay at Garissa University translated to the success we are witnessing today.

The University is focused on becoming a world-class institution of technology,



Dr. Musangi J. Mutua, PhD, CHRP

innovation and development by nurturing graduates who meet industry and societal needs through dissemination of transfor-

mative knowledge, talent development, research, outreach and entrepreneurship for sustainable development.

The Governing Council is particularly proud of the strides Garissa University is making in developing new niche programmes and research opportunities aimed at transforming communities and supporting the Government development agenda. The Council will continue discharging its oversight role and to accord the necessary support to the Management to execute the University's mandate. The Council also aims to ensure prudent and sustainable management of the priority projects and other investment areas for the benefit of the students. This is a demonstration of our commitment that the growth in students' numbers goes hand in hand with infrastructural development.

Garissa University aims to become a premier institution of research and learning by attracting the best practitioners in

the industry. To this end, the Governing Council is committed to engaging other professionals and development partners to join hands in the effort to expand and improve the physical infrastructure to enable the University align with the ever-growing demand and changing learning environment. Being a champion of innovation, Garissa University has made it a priority to remain versatile to new and emerging ICT technologies.

On behalf of the Governing Council and Management, I express our sincere gratitude to the support extended to Garissa University by the Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Education, ranging from the tight security within the University that has promoted peaceful learning environment and the funding of the ongoing critical development projects such as the Tuition, Library and Administration Blocks, a Modern Hostel, and a Water Storage and Reticulation System. Our

appreciation also extends to all our stakeholders and development partners who have walked this journey with us by offering financial and other kinds of support.

We cannot forget to thank the parents/guardians and all our clients/suppliers for their continued support to ensure sustainability and smooth running of the University. Your actions and goodwill has been of tremendous help to the University, including the students graduating today. We look forward to continue walking this journey with all our stakeholders as we endeavour to propel Garissa University to achieve greater heights of academic excellence.

Let me conclude by once again congratulating the 2025 graduands for their hard work, dedication and resilience that culminated to this 6th Graduation Ceremony, where we shall all witness conferment of various degrees and the awarding of Certificates and Diplomas. I wish you all the best in your future career and Life pursuits.

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GARISSA UNIVERSITY 6TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

Theme: "Transforming Lives through Education, Innovation, and Community Service"

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRPERSON OF SENATE AND UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Welcome to the sixth graduation ceremony of Garissa University. Today, we celebrate perseverance, promise, scholarship, and service, as we renew our commitment to transform lives through education, innovation, and community service. Garissa University was founded on a simple but audacious conviction that world-class higher education can flourish in every corner of our Republic. In a landscape defined by endurance, we aptly chose our motto – *Oasis of Innovation* – to bind our identity and responsibility. This identity is now visible in our lecture halls where theory meets practice, and in communities where our students and staff co-create solutions.

We have grown both in enrolment and confidence in terms of coherence of our programmes, the calibre of our graduates, the resilience of our systems, and the depth of our partnerships.

Our mission extends beyond the classroom to the peace and cohesion that make learning possible. In a region that has suffered resource competition, displacement, and the vulnerabilities among youths, Garissa University has chosen engagement over distance.

Through the Institute of Peace, Security, and Humanitarian Studies, we have built practical peace capacity by offering scholarships in peace studies. We have also developed teaching modules for peace

Recognising partnerships that have helped us grow



Prof Ahmed Osman Warfa

courses and community peacebuilding trainings.

Our research and outreach ecosystem has expanded through a remarkable coalition. With the assistance of Mercy Corps, we established the Geospatial Innovation Centre, complete with a GIS laboratory and a comprehensive training plan spanning nine short courses and programmes at all levels. These platforms are already helping counties and agencies to plan services, manage natural resources, and prevent climate risks.

In partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), we are advancing green-jobs solutions for the control and conversion of *Prosopis juliflora* (Mathenge). These initiatives have helped to turn this destructive plant into useful products.

Our teams have contributed to leather value-chain development with support from the National Research Fund (NRF), ILO, and the World Food Programme (WFP), aligning pastoralist livelihoods with better market intelligence.

We are strengthening open science with European Union backing; advancing climate resilience and wellbeing through peace education with the Schiller Foundation, Boston College, and James Madison University; and deploying geospatial tools for pasture management with the European Space Agency (ESA). These partnerships have become engines of change in the region.

To ensure that access keeps pace with aspiration, we have invested in open and flexible delivery. With support from the Swiss Embassy, the University established the Directorate of Open, Distance, e-Learning and Continuing Education (ODECE) to provide education beyond the traditional barriers of space, time and cost.

To spotlight one of our recent achievements, a Garissa University student team was crowned overall winner at the continental OriginFest Hackathon 2025, triumphing over peers from leading African universities. Their "Waste-to-Wealth" smart waste collection and recycling platform earned the grand prize and entry into the Origin Labs Africa incubation and mentorship programme. This win affirms our vision to be a university of technology and innovation.

During our fifth Graduation, His Excellency President Dr William Samoei Ruto,

accepted our request and directed the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) to allocate 200 acres of its land to the University for teaching, research, and food security. The implementation of this directive is in process. The ensuing Agriculture, Livestock, Environment, Research, and Training Centre (ALERT Centre) will deliver flexible training pathways ranging from short courses to doctoral programmes in areas like crop production, livestock management, environmental engineering, and climate-change adaptation.

We will link the existing curricula with our Geospatial Innovation Centre's GIS laboratory to ensure that every trainee touches real data, real systems, and real problems. The ALERT Centre is a generational investment that will anchor food security, climate adaptation, skills development, and innovation in Northern Kenya.

We are also honoured to highlight a transformative infrastructure partnership with Safaricom through its MPESA Foundation. One of the products of this partnership is the proposed Modern Tuition Block at our Main Campus. It is designed to ease the pressure on teaching space while catalysing innovation and Open Science.

The project includes a 500-seater lecture hall, five 100-seater lecture halls, two fully equipped science laboratories, a computer laboratory, Open Science Hub, workshop space, a prototyping and ideation facility, faculty and administrative offic-

es, and a student courtyard. I extend our heartfelt gratitude to Safaricom for this visionary commitment to educational excellence at Garissa University.

To take full advantage of this infrastructural development, the University has rolled out a number of new programmes, particularly in the health sector. The introduction of BSc Nursing and allied courses will go a long way in alleviating the biting shortage of health professionals in the region and beyond.

To our graduands, I encourage you to remain confident, analytical, innovative and resourceful. Go out there and find solutions to every problem you may encounter. The country needs more than credentials. It needs competence and character, creativity and courage. Let your work speak for the values we hold dear: Professionalism, excellence, accountability, collegiality, and ethicality.

To our partners, we thank you for your confidence in us, which has helped to transform our ideas into tangible projects and products.

To our faculty and staff, thank you for sustaining learning through tight budgets, heavy workloads, and changing expectations. You have served with diligence. To parents and guardians, your sacrifices and faith have brought us all here. To Council and Senate, thank you for stewardship and rigour.

Class of 2025, the nation needs your skills, imagination, and courage. Return to your communities as mentors. Together with our partners, alumni, staff, and friends, we can make this university not only an oasis of innovation, but a river that irrigates possibility across Kenya. May God bless Garissa University.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DVC ACADEMIC AND STUDENTS' AFFAIRS



Prof Frederick B. J. A. Ngala,
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Today, over 800 students, the largest in number since the first graduation ceremony, will graduate with degrees, diplomas and certificates from Garissa University (GaU). Congratulations to the graduating class!

This great feat is wholly ascribed to God's providence, hard work, discipline, highly qualified staff, optimal use of academic resources, and the support given by the Government, our indefatigable University Council, as well as the transformational and servant leadership by our Vice-chancellor,

Prof Osman Warfa.

GaU offers over 40 market-driven academic programmes in the School of Pure and Applied Sciences, School of Education, Arts and Social Sciences, School of Business and Economics, and Institute of Peace and Security Studies. We invite you all to apply and undertake uninterrupted academic pursuits in our oasis of innovation. Under the tutelage of respected and experienced pedagogues and andragogues, our students are trained to be great innovators.

The theme of this year's graduation, "Transforming Lives through Education, Innovation, and Community Service", resonates with our mission. Through teaching, we nurture critical thinkers, ethical leaders, and responsible citizens capable of addressing the challenges of our time. We have strived to offer an education that goes beyond the classroom, one that shapes character, inspires creativity, and instills a sense of responsibility.

Community service, the third pillar of our theme, reminds us that education is not complete without compassion and civic

responsibility. True transformation occurs when we extend the benefits of our education to the communities around us so as to drive inclusive growth and sustainable development.

As we look to the future, one of the key priorities is our preparedness for Competency-Based Education (CBE). The world of work is evolving, and employers today value skills, creativity, and adaptability as much as academic knowledge. Integrated with Community Service Learning (CSL), CBE empowers learners to apply what they know in practical contexts. It shifts focus from memorisation to mastery, from teaching to learning, and from theory to practice. As a university, we are committed to aligning our curricula, teaching methodologies, and assessment systems with CBE principles to ensure our graduates are competent, innovative, and employable.

Equally, the integration of technology in teaching and learning is no longer optional. We must harness digital tools, virtual learning environments, and artificial intelligence to enhance the quality, accessibility, and efficiency of education.

MESSAGE FROM THE DVC FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING



Prof Stephen I. Ng'ang'a

Today, we are not just celebrating the conferring of degrees, but also the culmination of years of resilience, intellectual curiosity, and unwavering determination. You, our graduands, are the living embodiment of our university's motto and strategic vision. The knowledge you have acquired within these halls is now a tool for innovation, and the challenges you have overcome have forged a character ready to lead and serve.

Strategic foresight and robust planning have been the bed-

rock of your academic environment. I am delighted to report that the foundations we laid are bearing remarkable fruits. Our campus development agenda is charging ahead with exciting new projects designed to revolutionise the student experience.

The upcoming Safaricom Tuition Block, a partnership that will provide state-of-the-art facilities for learning, innovation and community engagement, is designed to be a dynamic hub where academic theory will meet practical application, creating a vibrant space for collaboration between students, faculty and the wider community.

Also, we are actively working with the Affordable Housing Programme to develop modern, comfortable, and cost-effective accommodation to make Garissa University a home away from home.

Additionally, we are in the advanced planning stages for a specialised Leather Development Centre. This initiative underscores our commitment to fostering industry-specific skills, promoting local enter-

prise, and contributing meaningfully to the economic fabric of our region. And this is just the beginning. We have a robust pipeline of more development projects for our beloved University.

The Water Storage and Reticulation Project will soon be completed to guarantee a sustainable and reliable water supply for all campus needs. Our security infrastructure has also been enhanced with the latest integrated systems, ensuring that Garissa University remains a safe and conducive haven for learning and innovation.

To our devoted lecturers, mentors, technical staff, and the unwavering support of your families, your belief in our students has been the wind beneath their wings.

And now, to the stars of today's celebration, the Graduands of 2025, Congratulations! As you step forward from this ceremony, remember that this is not a finale but a magnificent beginning of a new phase. Go forth and illuminate the world. We are immensely proud of you.

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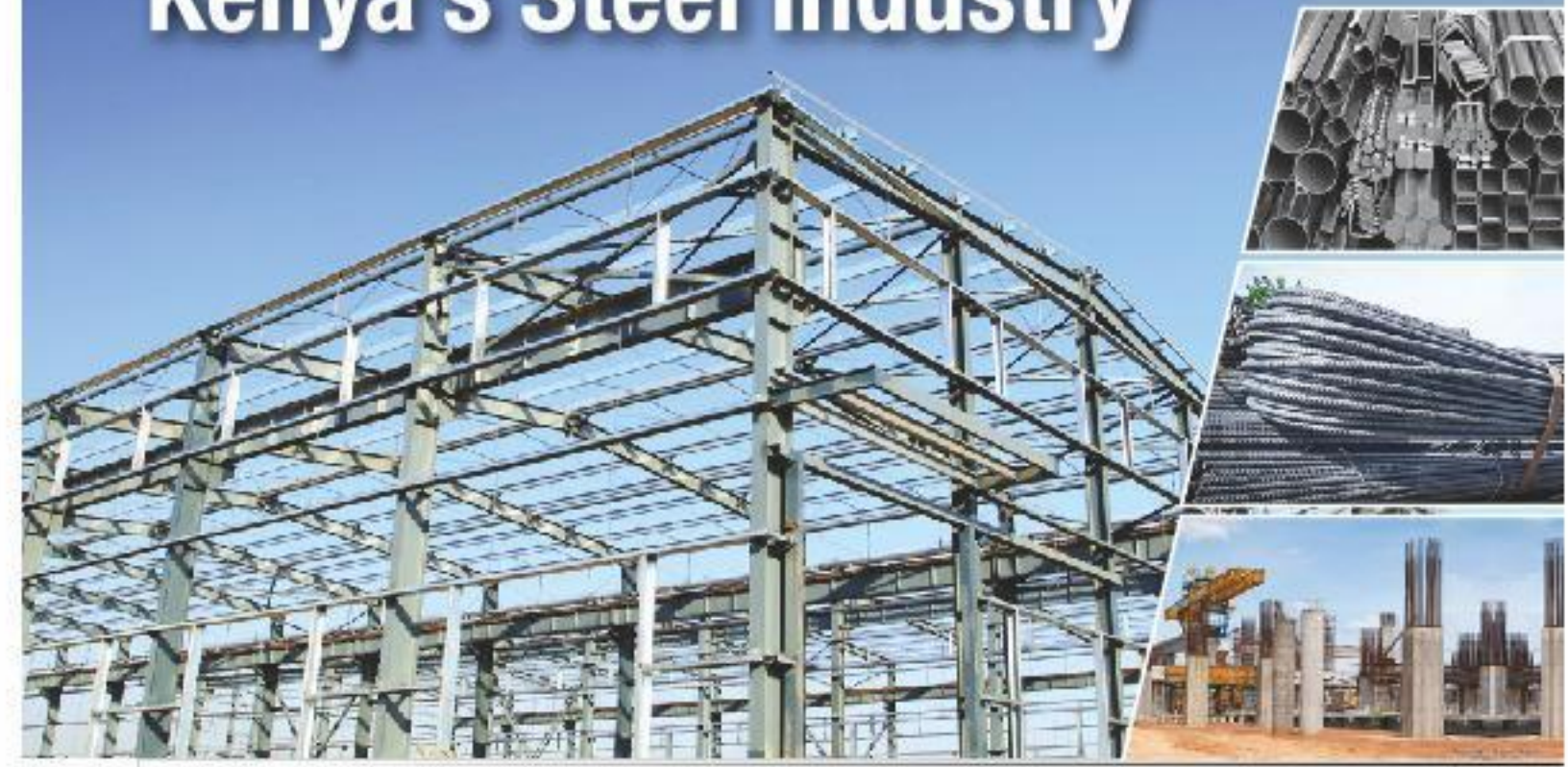


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A Special Feature on Kenya's Steel Industry



The **Daily Nation** and **NTV** will feature developments in Kenya's steel industry, with a focus on new technologies, including those that reduce carbon emissions such as green steel, and emerging opportunities for investment and growth.

This special feature is scheduled to run within the month of October, and we are inviting steel industry stakeholders to ride on it as a most productive opportunity for brand positioning.

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Fears Agency has told farmers that funds for the two projects have not been diverted

Power projects on course, says KTDA amid queries over delay

As of October 2025, the projects face a temporary funding shortfall of Sh174 million, which the agency says has been covered through internal borrowings

BY VITALIS KIMUTAI

The Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) has assured small-scale tea farmers in the West of the Rift Valley that funds allocated for the construction of two hydroelectric power projects have not been diverted.

For the first time, KTDA has disclosed the financing structure of the two long-delayed projects — the Chemosit Small Hydro Plant in Kericho County and the Kipsonoi Small Hydro Plant in Bomet County — which have been pending for about 15 years.

According to the agency, a total of Sh1.028 billion has already been channelled into the projects, which fall under Settlet Power Generation Company, an entity owned by small-scale tea farmers through KTDA.

As of October 2025, the projects face a temporary funding shortfall of Sh174 million, which the agency says has been covered through internal borrowings.

KTDA dismissed claims by Members of Parliament from the region — Konoin MP Brighton Yegon, Bomet East MP Richard Yegon, and Kisii Woman Representative Dorice Donya — that the funds had been diverted to

finance similar projects in the East of the Rift Valley. The lawmakers alleged that KTDA Holdings Limited had sidelined factories in the western region in favour of those in the east, both in the development of power projects and the establishment of Orthodox tea processing lines.

At a press conference in Nairobi, the MPs called for a full audit of KTDA's financial accounts and an overhaul of its marketing and operational structure.

They said this would address alleged disparities in earnings among the 680,000 small-scale tea growers, claiming that farmers in the East of the Rift receive higher payments than those in the West.

ALLOCATION

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Amount of money that has been channelled into the projects, which will fall under the Settlet Power Generation Company, according to KTDA.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, KTDA termed the accusations “false and misleading,” insisting the projects were being implemented under a transparent and verifiable financial framework.

“All project expenditures are subjected to external audits and reported regularly to the Regional Power Company Boards, Factory Boards, and shareholders during annual general meetings,” KTDA said.

The agency added that farmers' contributions remain safe and are used exclusively for the intended projects.

“KTDA wishes to reassure farmers in Kericho, Bomet, and the entire West of the Rift Valley that their contributions are properly utilised to lower electricity costs and enhance incomes,” the Corporate Communications Department stated.

KTDA clarified that Sh1.208 billion has been spent so far, with the Sh174 million deficit covered through internal borrowing.

Settlet Power Generation Company, incorporated in October 2010, is jointly owned by eight KTDA-managed factories — Kapkatet, Litein, Tegat, Momul, Kapkoros, Mogogosiek, Kapset, and KTDA Power Company Limited — each holding a 12.5 per cent stake.

The Chemosit project in Kericho and the Kipsonoi project in Bomet each have a generation capacity of 2.5 megawatts.

The projects are being financed on a 65:35 debt-to-equity ratio, requiring

Sh1.1 billion in total equity from shareholders. As of October 2025, farmers had contributed Sh1.03 billion, which KTDA said had been fully utilised in accordance with approved budgets.

The agency noted that debt financing for the Chemosit project — USD 8.6 million from an IFC/Proparco/FMO syndicated facility — was finalised in September 2024 after delays linked to leadership transitions and financing negotiations.

Since 2011, KTDA has initiated 11 hydroelectric projects owned by factories through Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) managed by the KTDA Power Company (KPC). Of these, more than six are operational, while five others remain under construction in various tea-growing zones.

KTDA said the projects aim to reduce the high operational costs in tea factories, which continue to erode farmers' earnings.

“Energy sold to Kenya Power from completed projects generates revenue used to repay construction loans and farmers' equity contributions. The Gura Power Plant, for instance, has repaid most of its loans and declared dividends,” the agency said.

Upon completion, KTDA expects the power tariffs for its factories to drop to below USD 0.10 per kilowatt-hour, significantly cheaper than the prevailing Kenya Power rate.

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Turkana

Court clears EACC to probe county official in Sh24.9m tender scandal

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

The High Court has dismissed a petition by a Turkana County accountant and her business partner seeking to block their arrest over alleged corruption involving Sh24.9 million meant for the supply of corn-soya blend supplements for malnutrition programmes.

Justice Chacha Mwita ruled that the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) had not violated the constitutional rights of Ms Esther Lokai Elim and Mr Elim Peter Eagan by investigating their alleged links to Amailo Investment Company Limited.

The firm is accused of receiving Sh24.9 million from the county government without delivering 6,024 bags (25kg each) of UNIMIX corn-soya blend, a key supplement in combating malnutrition in drought-hit Turkana.

According to the EACC, Ms Elim, an accountant at the county, was previously a director of Amailo Investment and allegedly used relatives to trade with the devolved unit during former Governor Joshat Nanok's administration (2014–2022). Although she and Mr Eagan resigned as directors in 2019—two years before the disputed tender—the commission claims they retained control of the company's bank account while relatives took over as directors, suggesting disguised ownership.

There cannot be allegations of violation of rights merely because investigative agencies are discharging their constitutional mandates.

Justice Chacha Mwita



In their petition, the pair argued that they had severed ties with the company and accused the EACC and DPP of malicious intent, claiming threats of arrest infringed on their rights to liberty and freedom of movement.

Justice Mwita, however, found no evidence that the agencies had breached their rights or acted outside the law. “There cannot be allegations of violation of rights merely because investigative agencies are discharging their constitutional mandates,” he said.

The court noted that investigations and potential prosecution were lawful, adding that halting them would interfere with the statutory duties of the EACC and DPP. The judge said questions about the petitioners' control of Amailo Investment should be determined at trial if charges are filed.


The EACC maintained that the petitioners' resignation was a façade and accused Ms Elim of violating Section 42(3) of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act by trading with her employer through proxies. The agency cited continued access to the company's Equity Bank account as proof of involvement.

Justice Mwita ruled that the petition was premature and lacked merit, allowing the EACC to continue investigations that could lead to prosecution.

Drug abuse disqualifies dozens in Garissa Town KDF recruitment



Kenya Defence Forces officers screen recruits during a recruitment exercise in Garissa town on Tuesday. Many were disqualified after medical tests revealed drug and substance use. MANASE OTSIALO | NATION



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- Containers
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- And Many Others

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- Generator
- Tables
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- Printer
- Cooker
- Bed
- Home Theatre
- Outdoor Wireless Radio
- Televisions
- And Others

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- a) Viewing of the items in Dadaab can be done at the premises on Tuesday, 21st October 2025 to Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.
 b) Viewing of the items in Marsabit can be done at the premises on Friday, 24th October 2025 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.
 Interested bidders are advised to view and verify the details and condition as the Auctioneers or their principals do not warrant these. **Please note that all viewers should carry Identification Documents (ID/Passport) for access to the premises.**
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell the following properties by PUBLIC AUCTION:

1. AN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IN NYAGATI AREA, MWEA EAST SUB-COUNTY, KIRINYAGA COUNTY

ON THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER 2025 AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR ACK ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL WITHIN KERUGOYA TOWN, KIRINYAGA COUNTY - AUCTION BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM.

All that parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. KABARE /NYANGATI/6676**. The property is a freehold interest and is registered in the name of **ANNA NJOKI KIBUNGI**. It measures approximately **0.24 Hectares**. The property is in Nyangati Area, Mwea East Sub-County, Kirinyaga County. It is situated approximately 1Km off and to the right of Embu-Mwea-Nairobi Highway deviating at Nyangati Secondary School Sign Post, about 450 metres South West of ACK St. Monica Nyangati Church and approximately 4.9 Kms North West of Kimbimbi Trading Centre. **GPS Co-ordinates:** Latitude 0°35'31.7" South; Longitude: 37°20'49.9" East. No structural improvements. Immediate access road is unmade earth-surfaced. However, the road serving the subject neighborhood is murram-surfaced. Mains electricity and piped water services are available in the immediate neighborhood for connection into the subject property. There is canal water for enabling paddy rice farming. Foul drainage is presumed to be into a pit latrine or septic tank in future. Other services and amenities are available nearby or at Kimbimbi Trading Centre and Mwea Township.

2. COMMERCIAL CUM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN MAKUTANO TOWNSHIP

ON TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2025 AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR ACK ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL WITHIN KERUGOYA TOWN, KIRINYAGA COUNTY - AUCTION BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM.

All that parcel of land known as **L.R. INOI/KAMONDO /2002**. The property is leasehold interest and registered in the name of **FELIX WARUI KIMOTHO**. It measures approximately **0.21 Hectares**. The property is in Giacal Area, Kirinyaga Central Sub-County, Kirinyaga County. It is situated along and to the left of Kerugoya-Kutus tar-surfaced about 120 meters past Pamar Preparatory School Gate. It lies about 120 metres South of the School and about 2 Kilometres Southeast of Karia Shopping Centre. **GPS co-ordinates:** Latitude:-0.543361; Longitude: 37.309806. No structural improvements on the plot. Immediate access road is tar-surfaced. Mains electricity and piped water services are not connected to the property. Foul drainage would be into Pit latrine/Septic tank. Other convenient services such as shopping outlets, education institutions, and public transport and health facilities amongst others are available in the general neighborhood.

3. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG SAGANA-NYERI HIGHWAY, SAGANA TOWN KIRINYAGA COUNTY

ON TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2025, AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR ACK ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL WITHIN KERUGOYA TOWN, KIRINYAGA COUNTY. - AUCTION BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM.

All that parcel of land known as **L.R NO. SAGANA /TOWNSHIP /305**. The property is leasehold interest and is registered in the name of **SAGANA SKYLINE FILLING STATION**. It measures approximately **0.127 Hectares**. The property is in Sagana Town, Kirinyaga County. It is situated along and to the left of Kenol-Sagana-Nyeri highway about 70 meters before Muranga-Sagana road junction. It lies about 100 meters East of Sagana KPLC sub-station and is easily identifiable as 'Skyline Petrol Station/Rest and Bistro'. **GPS Co-ordinates:** Latitude:-0.666389; Longitude: 37.210917. **Improvements:** Erected on the plot is a kitchen/ablution block, a commercial part double-storey block and a petrol filling station. Also thereon are semi-permanent structures comprising three gazebos and a storehouse. The central section of the property is utilized as an outdoor bar/hotel dining area, landscaped with trees, flowers and cob-paved. Access into the property is through an aluminium roller shutter door. **1. The commercial building block (part Double Storey). Accommodation;** Ground floor: 9 No. Shops, A washroom, Equity bank ATM and its support facilities at the rear, 2No. Conference halls; Staircase to upper floor. **First Floor; 2. The Kitchen /Ablution Accommodation;** Verandah, Kitchen with 2No. double stainless steel sink units, tiled worktops and low-level storage shelves. Office room, Bar/Liquor storage room having a service counter, 2 No. store rooms, Ablution section having a store room, Gents washrooms and ladies washrooms. **3. The Petrol Station Canopy;** It consist of steel pillars constructed atop reinforced concrete column piles. Roof is heavy-duty metal type covered with mono-pitched IT4 roofing Sheets. Floor is mass concrete finished with cabros. It comprises of three (3) fuel pumps. Canopy Plinth areas approximately 32m². Immediate access road is tar surfaced. Mains electricity and piped water services are connected into the property. A water well is also sunk thereon. Foul drainage is into a septic tank. Other convenient services such as shopping outlets, education institutions, public transport and health facilities amongst others are available within the township.

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Epoxy Flooring: Is this little-known, heavy-duty floor finally gaining acceptance in Kenya?

standard colour options; dark grey and light grey. But there are no limitations when it comes to colour customisations. There are countless colours one can play around with. There are also other decorative elements, like flakes, which result in a terrazzo-like appearance when added to the epoxy coating during installation. Flakes are very popular here in Kenya. We also have metallic epoxy. It's shiny and it looks glittery, but when applied it has a subtle 3D effect. The metallic epoxy also comes in different colours. Flakes and metallic epoxy are the most popular decorative options in the Kenyan market.

People are also embracing quartz and 3D designs. More manufacturers are introducing different decorative options, and over time, customisation will be limitless. Ideally, customisation options are tied to creativity, which is unlimited."

From pictures, epoxy looks very shiny and slippery, how safe is it?

"The glossy, shiny finish is simply a decorative element. Mainly, these floors can either have a matte or glossy finish. They can also be textured and glossy.

The glossy finish is more popular in residential or entertainment spaces where people are looking for fancy designs, but in industrial spaces where aesthetics are not that important, the matte finish is more popular.

When it comes to safety, epoxy has anti-slip features incorporated into the coating, however, if installed in areas with higher risk of slips and falls such as wet areas or places prone to oil spills, the anti-slip elements can be amplified to make it safer."

How does the cost of installing epoxy floors compare to other options?

"The initial installation is considered expensive for most people, but compared to other floor types, the cost is much lower when you factor in maintenance costs and durability.

The cost per square metre depends on the epoxy's thickness. And thickness starts from 1mm, all the way to 6mm. For 1mm thickness, the cost starts at Sh4,000 per sqm, which is inclusive of material supplies and installation, while 2mm goes for Sh4,500 per sqm.

There are, however, other factors that affect costing. For instance, we have different manufacturers selling epoxy coatings. The prices are different, and even the coverage varies. The location and the floor's condition are also extremely important factors when costing.

Epoxy flooring runs seamlessly through floors. There are no joints or grout lines. The clean, seamless appearance is one of its biggest selling points. It transforms buildings into highly organised, aesthetically pleasing spaces.

But achieving the clean, neat, seamless look, the floor underneath has to be prepared properly."

What kind of preparation do floors need before applying epoxy coatings, and how does this affect cost?

"Epoxy can only be applied on flat, ultra clean, dry and high strength floors. Some floors require repairs before epoxy



It is very diverse, especially in other countries where it has been embraced for a longer period. In Kenya, there are two standard colour options; dark grey and light grey, but there are no limitations when it comes to colour customisations

BY SYOVATA NDAMBUKI

For years, ceramic tiles have been the go-to flooring option for many developers in Kenya. Their affordability, familiarity and accessibility have made them the obvious choice. And while industrial and commercial building owners are quietly transitioning to other options, homeowners remain loyal to the good old tile.

A few weeks ago, we featured, the big vintage floors' comeback. This week, we explore epoxy flooring; a seamless, heavy duty resin system designed to withstand diverse conditions. The expert we interviewed says epoxy flooring is not merely an alternative

to tiles, rather, a completely different league of flooring. Otieno Rodgers, a Sales Executive at Solcrete Contractors, a company at the forefront of popularising epoxy flooring in Kenya, breaks down cost, durability, safety and maintenance demands of this growing trendy floor.

What is epoxy flooring?

"Epoxy is a two-part resin; the first part is the base and the second is a hardener. The two are mixed to form a slurry mixture. When installing the floor, we add a third material called the filler, which gives us the required thickness.

When poured on a floor during installation, a special rake is used to pull the mix-

ture or spread it across the floor. The rakes are designed to produce an even, flat surface. Different rakes give us different epoxy thickness levels starting from 1mm (millimetre) all the way to 6mm.

Since the epoxy is self-levelling, as soon as it's poured on a surface it starts flowing. But, in addition to the rake, you need a spike roller to remove air bubbles and to level it to achieve the seamless, clean look. Once the epoxy cures, it forms a hard, heavy-duty floor."

Every building owner wants a unique space, does epoxy flooring come with diverse customisation options?

"Epoxy is very diverse, especially in other countries where it has been embraced for a longer period. In Kenya, there are two

Otieno Rodgers is a Sales Executive at Solcrete Contractors, a

Kenyan company at the forefront of popularising Epoxy Flooring in Kenya. PHOTO | SYOVATA NDAMBUKI



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There are many colours one can play around with, as well as decorative elements like flakes, which give a terrazzo-like appearance when added to the epoxy coating during installation

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Flexibility: You can go for either a matte or glossy finish

is installed. They might have loose particles, debris, holes or other issues, which need fixing before epoxy application.

If a floor is not prepared properly, the epoxy resins will not bond successfully and it will not last. Dust, loose particles and other debris have to be cleaned off. In case there are portholes, they need to be filled with epoxy mortar. The screed work is also inspected and tested to ensure it meets the right standards. Screed work on the floor is separate from the epoxy installation, and if it was not done properly, building owners might incur an extra cost of redoing the work.

Leakage or dampness issues can also drive up the cost. Epoxy does not bond well in places with high moisture content. You have to waterproof first. These kinds of repairs affect the overall, but they are meant to enhance durability and performance."

Take us through the process of installing epoxy flooring. Are there different epoxy solutions for residential, industrial and commercial buildings?

"The first step is to assess the site or building. We take note of the type of activities and traffic expected on a site. In case there are chemicals handled, or chemical spills expected, for instance, in a lab or medical facility, we have to factor in this. We also look at factors like expected foot traffic, vehicle movement (and their weight), other types of wheel traffic and the general circulation of people or vehicles.

The next step involves testing

the floors for two things; surface strength and moisture. Some floors meet the expected requirements but there are others which have weakness, but can still handle epoxy. Some floors have good screed work, but not strong enough for the expected traffic. We measure strength against the kind of activities expected in the building.

Epoxy is a hard-wearing surface, meaning it can withstand a lot of pressure, but it cannot be installed on a weak floor. If epoxy sits on a weak substrate (floor), over time the floor wears down almost unnoticeably. It might present signs such as hollow sounds, but eventually it bows to the pressure. When that happens,



It runs seamlessly through floors. There are no joints or grout lines. The clean, seamless appearance is one of its biggest selling points. It transforms buildings into highly organised, aesthetically pleasing spaces.

Otieno Rodgers, Solcrete Contractors

High humidity zones and buildings with dampness issues can also be problematic. Buildings with different basement levels in use, for instance tend to have high dampness levels. The epoxy primer cannot bond in such places.

Waterproofing is highly recommended before installing epoxy floors to ensure there is no moisture seeping into the floor, even after installation. Normally admixtures come in handy for primary waterproofing. We also encourage secondary waterproofing in bathrooms, balconies and flat roofs where we find the biggest leakage and dampness challenges.

The ordinary epoxy does not mix well with water although there is also water-based epoxy, but it is not as strong."

Where do you find the biggest acceptance for epoxy flooring in Kenya and how is the general reception?

"Mostly, industrial and commercial clients are embracing this kind of flooring. In residential spaces, people have shown interest but it's not well known yet. Besides, a lot of residential building owners focus on the primary cost of installation, which they see as an obstacle. Then there is also the comparison with popular and cheaper options like ceramic tiles, which is an unfair comparison, considering these are completely different solutions with varied performance capacities."

What is the standard lifespan of a well installed epoxy floor and how does it wear down?

"With time, you start seeing fine scratches. The colour might fade but the systems stays intact. Once the epoxy floor is installed, you only need to recoat after some years. There is no need to re-install. Recoating is likely to cost half the installation price. If you want to change your décor style, you can recoat with a different colour.

On durability the lifespan is 10 to 20 years for low or medium traffic spaces such as residential areas or office spaces with medium traffic. In industrial buildings with heavy traffic the floor can last 7 to 10 years. Heavy traffic includes vehicles, loading tracks, cranes and other industrial related traffic.

We've installed epoxy floors in industrial warehouses, where the traffic is intense. These are spaces that endure loaded vehicle traffic, fork lifts, hand driven carts and human traffic."

Finally, are there special cleaning requirements after installation?

"Epoxy is chemical resistant, stain, grease and oil resistant. You can use any detergents at your disposal. It is a low maintenance floor. Its seamless design prevents it from storing germs, unlike floors with grout lines or joints. It can handle spills and stains without wearing down."

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Once we have all these things factored in, we are able to advice on the best epoxy solution. The biggest difference between industrial, residential and commercial epoxy flooring is mainly in the floor's thickness. The thicker the epoxy, the more traffic it can withstand. 6mm for instance is suitable for industrial floors while residential spaces, which have lower traffic, can have 2mm."

Are there spaces where epoxy cannot work?

"Epoxy might be challenging outdoors. Outdoor spaces require UV stable products. Most epoxy products are not UV stable. Although there is a UV stable epoxy option, if the regular indoor, non-UV stable epoxy is exposed to sunlight, it starts yellowing and degrading over time.

International

Election Opposition chief declares himself winner of the Sunday presidential contest

Cameroon issues 'fake results' alert after poll

The 92-year-old Paul Biya has been country's president since 1982

YAOUNDE, WEDNESDAY

Cameroonian Minister of Territorial Administration Paul Atanga Nji has warned against falsifying results of the presidential election.

According to Nji, intelligence services "have identified a platform that wants to publish fake election results".

"The government will put an end to this imposture that wants to falsify the results and publish them on illegal platforms. Those spearheading this will face the law. Political parties need to use legal means to complain," Nji told journalists in capital Yaounde.

Essosse Erik, director general of the country's electoral body Elections Cameroon (ELECAM), cited the law, saying results would be proclaimed by the Constitutional Council "no later than 15 days after the closing date of the Sunday polls".

"The results will be forwarded to the competent electoral commissions and subsequently to the national commission for the final counting," Erik said.

"The election took place under acceptable conditions in the national territory and abroad. Election materials and documents were available. No major incidents were recorded."

President Paul Biya cast his ballot at the Government Prima-

ry School Bastos in Yaounde at noon, aiming for an eighth term in office since 1982.

Biya said he was satisfied with how the election was conducted. "People need to show maturity, and it will be a good thing if there are no injuries or fighting," he said.

Issa Bakary Tchiroma, Biya's main rival and former spokesperson, voted in Garoua town.

"We hope everything unfolds peacefully. People need to stay and count the votes," Tchiroma said.

Protests broke out in Garoua hours after the polls closed, following rumours that Tchiroma was under house arrest.

Calm returned after he confirmed he was "safe and in good health".

Twelve candidates were initially confirmed to contest the election. Akere Muna and Seta Caxton Ateki formed a coalition with Biya's former ally Bello Bouba Maigari, bringing the number of contenders down to 10.

More than 8,000,000 people registered to vote in Sunday's election at over 31,000 polling stations, according to ELECAM.

Voters voiced their hope for peace and prosperity.

"We want development and jobs. Whoever wins should usher in a republic that responds to our needs," James Essomba, a Yaounde resident said.

"The next president should build roads, rehabilitate old ones and provide constant water supply and electricity. These are our major challenges," added Mohammed Daroua, another voter.

In the English-speaking North-



Presidential candidate Issa Tchiroma Bakary of the Cameroon National Salvation Front casts his vote on Sunday. He later declared himself the winner of the election. PHOTO: REUTERS

west and Southwest regions, additional troops were deployed to secure the vote after separatist groups vowed to disrupt the election. Authorities said voting went on smoothly in the regions,

The people have chosen, and this choice must be respected

Issa Bakary Tchiroma, opposition leader



though voters were afraid.

"I pray for peace in Cameroon because we in the Southwest and Northwest have suffered," Tanyi Besem said after casting her ballot in Buea.

The country now awaits the outcome of the single-round election, in which the candidate with the most votes is declared the winner.

Meanwhile, Tchiroma has unilaterally declared victory. Tchiroma made the statement in a nearly five-minute speech posted to social media early on Tuesday. Though official channels have not declared results, he urged 92-year-old Biya to concede.

"The people have chosen and

this choice must be respected," Tchiroma said.

A former government spokesman and ally of Biya for 20 years, Tchiroma is considered the top contender to unseat Biya.

After resigning from the government in June, his campaign drew huge crowds and endorsements from a coalition of opposition parties and civic groups.

But Biya – the world's oldest serving head – is widely expected to secure another seven-year term in office, given his tight grip on state machinery and the fragmented opposition. (Xinhua)

Additional reporting by Al Jazeera

Avoid Somali coast, maritime firms cautioned

MOGADISHU • A global organisation has urged foreign vessels to observe vigilance as they transit along the Somalia coastline and the Gulf of Aden despite a lull in piracy in the third quarter of 2025. The latest report by the International Chamber of Commerce's International Maritime Bureau (IMB) shows no incidents were identified in the waters off Somalia and the Gulf of Aden during Q3 due to the prevailing southwest monsoon conditions. Only three vessels were hijacked in the first six months of the year, said the IMB, advising ships to "continue to adhere to guidelines." "This is an important time to reinforce the need for vigilance. There can be no room for complacency," the organisation said. (Xinhua)

Ethiopia to have nuclear agency

ADDIS ABABA • Ethiopia's Council of Ministers has approved a regulation to establish the Ethiopian Nuclear Energy Commission. The Council of Ministers said the regulation mandates the new commission with the task of leading and coordinating the country's efforts "in the peaceful use of nuclear technology in accordance with international frameworks". It highlighted the importance of advancing the application of nuclear technology to power the country's development, mainly in areas related to access to electricity, manufacturing, healthcare, science and research. "After extensive discussion on the matter, the Council of Ministers decided that the regulation will take effect upon its official publication," the statement said. (Xinhua)

DR Congo, M23 in deal to form truce monitoring mechanism

GOMA, XINHUA

The government of the DR Congo and the March 23 Movement (M23) rebel group on Tuesday signed a deal in Doha to establish a ceasefire monitoring and verification mechanism, under the facilitation of Qatar.

The signing, which came a month after the creation of a mechanism for prisoner exchange and release, "marks a major step

in implementing the Declaration of Principles signed by Kinshasa and M23 in July, according to a statement by the government.

The DR Congo said it affirms its commitment to achieving a cessation of hostilities, ensuring the security of civilians and laying the groundwork for a comprehensive and lasting peace agreement within the Doha process supported by the international community.

"This is a significant step forward," M23

Spokesperson Lawrence Kanyuka said on X.

According to the Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the mechanism will oversee the implementation of the permanent ceasefire, investigate and verify violations and communicate with relevant parties to prevent a resumption of hostilities.

The mechanism represents "a pivotal step towards enhancing confidence and moving forward towards a comprehensive

peace agreement between the two parties to the conflict," the statement added.

The Doha process refers to a series of negotiations between the DR Congo government and M23 initiated in April under Qatar's mediation.

Re-emerging in late 2021, the rebels have seized vast territories in North Kivu and South Kivu provinces, including Goma and Bukavu, the respective provincial capitals. (Xinhua)

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Business



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Penalty in shillings, the CAK imposed on steel firms for cartel-like behaviour

Tribunal upholds CAK fines against steel cartel

BY DOMINIC OMONDI AND ANTONY KITIMO

The Competition Tribunal has dismissed two more appeals by steel companies against the decision by the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) to penalise them for fixing prices, bringing the total to seven.

In a sitting on September 11, the Competition Tribunal dismissed appeals lodged separately by Jumbo Steel Mills Limited and Corrugated Sheets through which the companies had sought to quash CAK's decision.

The competition watchdog slapped nine steel firms with a total fine of Sh338.8 million following a crackdown against cartel-like behaviour, including fixing prices, restricting output, and revising the size of products.

However, seven of the companies moved to the tribunal to appeal the decision by the anti-trust body. On July 9, 2025, the tribunal dismissed the appeals of Tononoka Rolling Mills Limited, Blue Nile Wire Products Limited, Devki Steel Mills, and Nail and Steel Products Limited in favour of the authority.

Two of the companies—Doshi & Company (Hardware) Limited and Brolo Kenya Limited—did not appeal and opted to enter into out-of-court settlements with the CAK.

Dr Adano Wario, the CAK acting Director-General, said the penalties are proportionate to the offence, specifically harm to consumers who have been decrying the high cost of steel products.

The penalty imposition is meant to restore competition in the sector and deter companies from deploying anti-competitive practices as a business strategy.

"Cartels are conceived, executed, and enforced by businesses to serve their commercial interests, and the economic harm to consumers. In this matter, the steel firms illegally colluded on prices and margins as well as output strategies," he said.

DTB hosts economic and sustainable growth forum



Trade Cabinet Secretary Lee Kinyanjui with Diamond Trust Bank Group Chief Executive Nasim Devji during the Fifth Diamond Trust Bank Economic and Sustainability Forum at the Serena Hotel in Nairobi, yesterday. Policymakers, economists, and business leaders discussed the evolving economic environment, the role of financial institutions in sustainable growth and business growth strategies at the forum.

FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION

Poll Banks expect cautious lending due to the Risk-Based Pricing Model

More banks see lower loans demand in Oct-Nov window

CBK survey shows 67pc of polled bankers expect low or very low appetite for credit

BY SYLVIA KATHONI

More banks project lower demand for credit in the two months between October and November 2025, a fresh Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) survey shows, hurt by reduced disposable income and cautious lending due to the new loan pricing formula.

The CBK survey shows that a combined 67 per cent of polled bankers expect low or very low demand for credit in the October-November 2025 window, marking a shift from the August-September 2025 window when a massive 81 per cent of respondents had projected moderate to high demand for lending.

"Bank respondents expect demand for credit to be tempered

by reduced disposable incomes due to increased statutory levies affecting households, and corporate demand for products dwindles due to low purchasing power," the CBK survey said.

"In addition, respondents expect cautious lending by banks due to the Risk-Based Pricing Model effect on riskier borrowers," it added.

Increased payroll deductions, such as the affordable housing levy and Social Health Insurance Fund, have significantly cut the take-home earnings for workers, slashing their purchasing power.

This has seen cumulative deductions account for between 40 and 45 per cent of gross pay on average, according to estimates by the Federation of Kenya Employers.

THE DIGIT

85%

The proportion of bankers who projected moderate to high demand for credit in the August, September window

This has suppressed the income of borrowers who are now cautious about tapping debt to curb further cuts on the take-home amount.

Besides the low purchasing power, the CBK survey projects cautious lending as banks transitioned to a new Risk-Based Credit Pricing Model, which takes effect for new loans on December 1, 2025, under a grace period deal by the regulator.

The CBK introduced the model, which took effect for new var-

iable-rate loans on September 1, 2025.

The new model will use the interbank rate as the common reference rate for determining lending rates to all customers. Banks will be allowed to load a premium (K) on the reference rate, now referred to as the Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average (KESONIA).

The total lending rate is now calculated as KESONIA + Premium ("K"), where the premium reflects the borrower's risk profile, bank costs, and shareholder returns. Commercial banks have been granted a three-month grace period to implement the new loan pricing formula.

The CBK has given the banks a grace period of up to December 1, 2025, to start using the new pricing model on loans booked, while giving them a six-month window to March 1, 2026, for existing loans.

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BRIEFLY

INSURANCE

Sanlam-Jubilee Allianz merger jobs up for grab

Senior managers at Jubilee Allianz General Insurance Kenya and the general insurance unit of Sanlam Kenya will compete for the same roles once the two businesses are merged, with those left out to be declared redundant. The draft business transfer deal between Jubilee Allianz General Insurance Kenya and Sanlam General Insurance—a subsidiary of Sanlam Kenya—shows the completion of the deal will also result in unspecified job losses in the lower ranks. Patrick Alushula

DISPUTE

GT Bank, client in row over Sh1.4bn from 'ghost firm'

Guaranty Trust Bank is locked in a court dispute with one of its customers over the release of €9.5 million (Sh1.4 billion) allegedly wired to his account by a foreign company, even as the presiding judge gagged his lawyer, Nelson Havi, from publicly discussing the case. The bank customer, Wilfred Andita Mathayo, claims that on December 23, 2024, Canwell Corporation Limited wired the cash to his GTBank account via Credit Foncier Limited. Joseph Wangui

HEALTHCARE

Nairobi Hospital restores insurance coverage services

The Nairobi Hospital has announced that it has restored full insurance coverage of services at its facilities, ending more than two months of strained relations with major underwriters that disrupted its operations. In a joint statement released after a meeting with stakeholders on Wednesday, Nairobi Hospital CEO Felix Osano said the hospital and its insurance partners had reached a mutual agreement after weeks of talks aimed at rebuilding trust. Linet Owoko

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Last 12 Mths	Security	Prices	Shares
High	Low	Yesterday	Previous

AGRICULTURAL

23.00	10.00	Eaagads Ord 1.25	20.40	20.70	4.913
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord. 5.00	401.50	401.50	1
424.25	81.00	Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord	355.00	394.25	102
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00		376.75	
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	18.45	18.45	8.696
350.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	214.50	238.00	1.334

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

55.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	52.25	52.25	8.780
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BANKING

23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	21.95	21.85	153.160
42.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	42.35	41.75	31.788
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	104.00	100.50	25.506
59.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	58.75	59.00	182.929
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.05	10.65	622.818
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	42.15	42.25	32.120
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	57.00	57.50	227.308
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	81.25	75.25	592.261
202.50	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00	199.00	199.00	7.188
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	298.50	282.25	33.100
21.55	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	19.70	19.70	326.093

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.88	0.59	Eveready EA Ord 1.00	1.33	1.36	27.684
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	7.16	7.38	1.447
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50		4.66	
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	3.78	3.89	184.238
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	3.17	3.00	600
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.60	1.63	124.517
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.35	13.30	3.313
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord. 5.00	14.10	13.55	3.684
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	6.40	6.26	2.752
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	15.55	16.00	900
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.39	0.39	237.587
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	2.86	2.81	48.234

CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Ord 1.00		5.55	
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00		54.00	
62.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50	58.50	56.50	845
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
64.25	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	58.25	57.50	320

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

10.40	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	9.10	9.10	3,423.896
15.80	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250	12.15	12.90	2,501.639
4.20	4.00	KP & LC Plc 4% Pref. 20.00		4.51	
6.00	6.00	KP & LC Plc 7% Pref. 20.00		6.00	
39.90	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	35.00	34.90	9.321
24.75	6.30	Uneme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.24	8.50	47.189

INSURANCE

9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.46	8.46	180.968
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00	4.65	4.48	98.263
332.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	324.75	320.75	15,005
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	3.00	3.01	1,408.376
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	10.95	11.00	2,361
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	8.90	8.95	16,153

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	14.05	13.95	48,434
1.83	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	1.18	1.20	242,466
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00		1,500.00	
7.46	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00	7.04	6.80	20,412
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50		1.12	

INVESTMENT SERVICES

16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Ord 4.00	14.70	14.75	19,375
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	129.00	126.75	135
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	431.75	431.75	8,675
30.10	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	25.85	26.45	6,372
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	213.00	214.25	22,838
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.57	1.58	50,922
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Ord 5.00		65.00	
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	25.75	24.85	464
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas. Plc 0.20	8.16	7.42	72,308

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

31.00	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05	26.55	26.00	6,905,767
20.00	20.00	Laptrust I-Reit Co. Ord 20 .00		20.00	
3330.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF	5090.00	5050.00	6,532
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	820.00	828.00	556

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: 01st Jan 2008 -100 Up 1.89pts - 172.34 NSE 20-Up 11.49 pts -2950 65 .01st sep 2015=4101.67 Up 38.19pts 4612.06 NSE 20-S I -30 Aug 2023=1000 Up 2.76pts -1740.24 Dwn 1.41pts to close at 162.74

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	149.94	129.00	172.22	91.86	161.13	1.45	85.27	7.41
	sell	150.78	129.50	173.14	92.22	161.96	1.45	85.66	7.48
Absa	buy	149.38	129.10	172.20	91.88	160.45	1.45	83.62	7.45
	sell	149.87	129.30	172.73	92.15	161.10	1.45	84.27	7.47
Co-op	buy	146.85	128.50	169.98	89.99	158.52	1.41	84.03	6.51
	sell	152.04	129.50	174.38	93.72	163.37	1.58	87.25	8.37
Equity	buy	149.10	129.00	171.14	91.65	160.33	-	84.78	7.38
	sell	149.57	129.40	171.74	91.96	160.91	-	85.01	7.41
NBK	buy	159.58	129.00	172.37	91.91	160.79	1.45	85.02	7.44
	sell	149.79	129.40	172.54	92.07	161.12	1.45	85.16	7.46
KCB	buy	149.25	129.03	172.04	92.05	160.27	1.46	85.00	7.44
	sell	149.14	129.43	172.63	92.34	160.84	1.46	85.00	7.47
NCBA	buy	149.40	128.90	172.05	91.75	160.50	1.45	84.85	7.43
	sell	150.00	129.40	172.80	92.15	161.35	1.45	85.25	7.47
Stanbic	buy	149.36	128.95	172.05	91.88	160.81	1.44	84.94	7.43
	sell	149.90	129.40	172.65	92.20	161.37	1.46	85.23	7.54
Prime	buy	149.80	129.00	171.10	91.80	161.10	1.45	85.05	7.45
	sell	150.30	129.50	171.60	92.30	161.60	1.46	85.65	7.55

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	160.4229
US Dollar	129.2364	100 Japanese Yen	84.8038
1 Sterling Pound	171.7035	1 Swedish Kroner	13.5834
1 Euro	149.5976	1 Norwegian Kroner	12.9237
South African Rand	7.4006	1 Danish Kroner	20.0938
Ksh/USH	26.5404	1 Indian Rupee	14.554
Ksh/TSH	18.9962	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.383
Ksh/RWF	11.2367	1 Singapore Dollar	99.4741
Ksh/BIF	22.8026	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4604
1 UAE Dirham	35.1861	1 Chinese Yuan	18.0981
1 Canadian Dollar	92.6649	1 Australian Dollar	83.4609

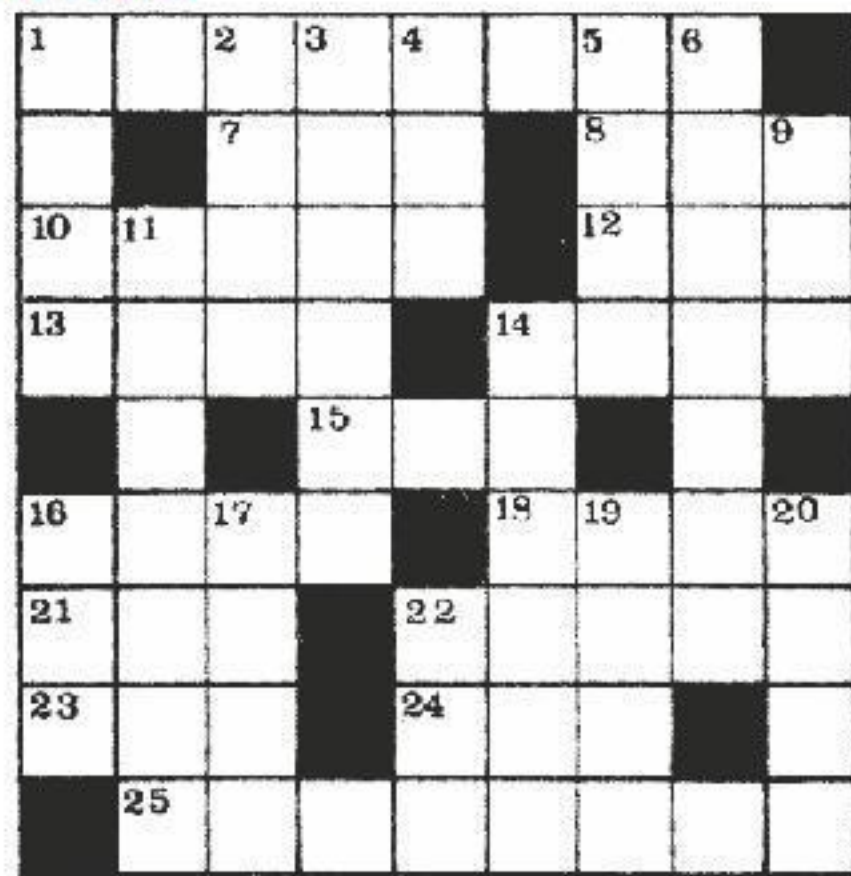
UNIT TRUSTS

		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.07%	7.31%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.68%	7.95%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.07%	10.59%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.48%	4.58%
Absa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	7.81%	8.10%
Absa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	4.04%	4.12%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.55%	12.18%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.91%	12.59%
Gulfcap Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.93%	7.15%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.15%	10.64%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	5.12%	5.24%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.45%	12.13%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.48%	5.64%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.34%	8.70%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.44%	8.81%
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.93%	10.43%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.01%	10.49%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.37	1.37
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.07%	8.40%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.81	15.81
Enwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.57%	11.10%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.22%	8.53%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.86%	4.98%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	4.92%	5.03%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.45%	11.02%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.75%	5.91%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.72%	10.21%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.92%	11.54%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.21%	10.94%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.18%	10.67%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	5.21%	5.34%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.11%	11.78%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.00%	5.11%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.26	13.26
Cytonn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	11.83%	12.56%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.56%	7.83%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	3.61%	3.67%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.30%	8.66%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	104.72	104.72
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	125.03	125.03
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.09%	10.57%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.11%	10.60%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.29%	10.79%
SanlamAllianz Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.96%	9.37%
SanlamAllianz US Dollar Fund	USD	5.05%	5.18%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.76%	10.25%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.04%	8.37%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.11%	10.59%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.65%	9.00%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	5.01%	5.13%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	5.75%	5.92%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	4.89%	5.01%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.76%	12.47%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.05%	13.16%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	4.85%	4.96%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.48%	9.90%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.80%	12.90%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Sh		

Leisure

SIMPLE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS:**
 1. Edible snail
 7. Consumed
 8. Bird of prey; 'member of parliament'
 10. Inquire too closely
 12. Menagerie
 13. Pull with a jerk
 14. Of the most excellent or desirable quality or type
 15. Snake-like fish
 16. Jetty or wharf
 18. On His Majesty's Service (abbreviation)
 21. Posed for a picture as a model
 22. Precipitous
 23. Tavern
 24. Had a meal
 25. Young frogs



- DOWN:**
 1. Catch sight of
 2. Abel's killer
 3. A group of closely related ethnic groups including a Teso, Turkana and Karamojong
 4. A communist, informally
 5. Goo
 6. A pair or couple
 9. Fate or destiny
 11. Bright or incandescent
 14. Extremely drunk, informally
 16. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
 17. Active Sicilian volcano
 19. The back of the human foot
 below the ankle
 20. Mineral springs
 22. To gradually weaken a person's strength or power

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- ACROSS:**
 1 Wallaby
 7 Ait
 8 Ebb
 10 Mauve
 12 Til
 13 Bide
 14 Rise
 15 Rue
 16 Slay
 18 Goal
 21 Pep
 22 Argue
 23 Use
 24 Gel
 25 Stately
- DOWN:**
 1 Womb
 2 Laud
 3 Livery
 4 Ate
 5 Yeti
 6 Able
 9 Bissau
 11 Aisles
 14 Regret
 16 Spur
 17 Apes
 19 Ogle
 20 Levy
 22 Aga

SUDOKU

Enjoy the Sudoku Game Daily

Use Numbers 1-9. Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Don't Repeat Any numbers. In the upper left square (circled in blue), this square already has 7 out of the 9 spaces filled in. Don't guess. Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess. Use process of elimination.

Can't get enough of the games?

If you are done with this one then there's more online.

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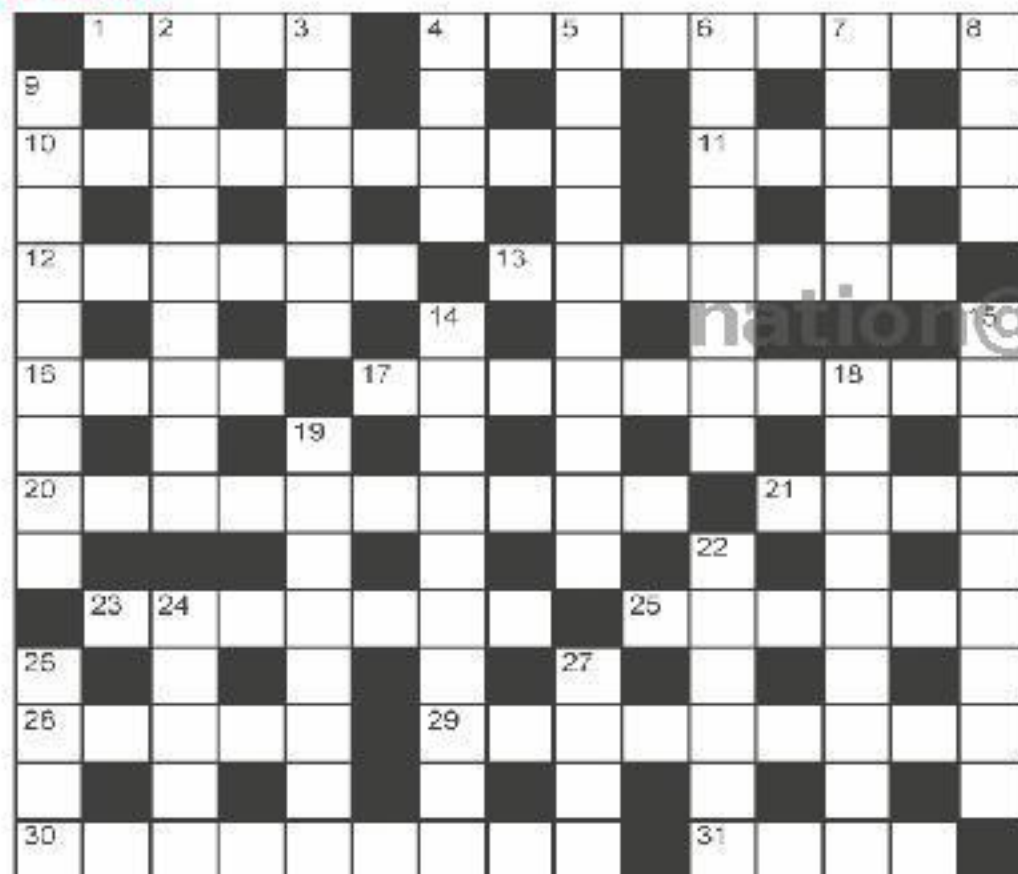
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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7	4	2	9	8	5	3	6	1
9	3	6	2	1	4	8	7	5
8	1	5	3	7	6	9	2	4
5	9	4	6	3	8	2	1	7
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4			7		2			
	3	6			8			7

COMPLEX CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
 1 Aid by encouraging transgression initially (4)
 4 Anticipation of dodgy gift horse (9)
 10 Sense a conflict point embracing sweetheart (9)
 11 Take up song and dance exercise (5)
 12 Reportedly moderate seminar (6)
 13 Uncertain party's leader facing resolution (7)
 16 First character with mother? Not (4)
 17 Inside cranium, as term indicates brains (10)
 20 Criminal's characteristic acquiring new force (10)
 21 Gemstone seen in old china (4)
 23 Believe wife with pale exterior (7)
 25 Sheltered spot housing mongrel (6)
 28 Match maybe tied before extra time (5)
 29 One runs down people in Capri? (9)
 30 Male cop in bust? (9)
 31 For the audience, horror scene (4)
- DOWN**
 2 Sailor saw a bit on travelling (9)
 3 Shaking in perfect remorse (6)
 4 Liberal queen in charge (4)



- 5 Considering stopping exercise gripping muscle (10)
 6 Famous Democrat holding together with flag (8)
 7 Swollen, it's said, producing bellyache (5)
 8 Keep up energy supporting child (4)
 9 Casual romance day before wedding (9)
 14 Trauma is no different for hospital (10)
 15 Plant seeds while ignoring hard ground (9)
 18 Reckless forward tackles keeper, finally (9)
 19 Wild cat, lithe and powerful (8)
 22 After fault, catch up for game (6)
 24 Turn with back of foot (5)
 26 River Po's opening leading to sea (4)
 27 Detailed flat blueprint (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- ACROSS**
 1 Slap on the wrist
 8 Ensue
 9 Piercing
 11 Milk float
 12 China
 13 Owen
 14 Book club
 17 Lucky dip
 19 Shot
 23 Rumba
 24 Ballerina
 25 Scribble
 26 Usher
 27 Fly me to the moon
- DOWN:**
 1 Steam-rollers
 2 Absolve
 3 One-off
 4 Tiptop
 5 Election
 6 Rice cake
 7 Sundial
 10 Rabbit warren
 15 Dynamism
 16 Bit by bit
 18 Comical
 20 Heigh-ho
 21 Albert
 22 Refuse

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 24 represents D so fill in m every time the figure 24 appears in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them.

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1	H	2	C	3	G	4	A	5	U	6	S	7	E	8	R	9	N	10	L	11	B	12	I	13	O
14	T	15	P	16	F	17	W	18	Y	19	J	20	M	21	D	22	Q	23	K	24	V	25	Z	26	X

YOUR STARS

- AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19**
 Look beyond the surface in order to find the hidden meaning in people's words and actions. Someone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes using niceties and flattery. Don't be fooled. What seems true at first may not hold any merit at all. The secret lies in not trying to force anything. It's just not likely to bear financial fruit now.
- PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20**
 This week you're testing the tensile strength of your relationships. This may result in more than one close professional relationship not making the cut. No matter. There is lots of positive change coming to your home sector, indicating a move, sale, or adding a home office to your working life.
- ARIES | MAR 21 - APR 20**
 You may be experiencing some unwelcome changes at work this week. Great ideas may be occurring to you at a rapid rate, but other

- people may not be in a place to hear them just yet. It's like an ill-fitting shoe - there's no forcing it on. Instead, adjust the way you deal with others. It will make all the difference in the world. Relax and let it happen.
- TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20**
 Resistance is something you possess in spades. You are quite resistant to colds, and you easily resist temptation. When you find resistance in yourself, however, your tendency is to back away and pretend it isn't there.
- GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21**
 You have a unique opportunity to form financially rewarding partnerships with personal or professional acquaintances. Someone you may never have seen in this light now looks like the perfect person to help see your pet project through to fruition. And since the focus is on teaching and learning,

- CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22**
 You're usually able to solve any money dilemma through smarts and tenacity, and this week is no different. The aspects indicate success through shared property and investments. Your work and health are affected. Putting additional effort into work projects impresses higher-ups so much that you're next in line for a promotion.
- LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22**
 The friction that comes to you is a result of your not being fully balanced. Either there is too much or too little emphasis on your work compared to other areas of your life. Strive for harmony within your world. Today is a good day to find balance.
- VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23**
 The energy this week supports a careful review of anything unfinished or in progress. This is a powerful time to revisit any plan or procedure and make it more efficient

- and effective. Writing down specific goals for the upcoming week can be a powerful exercise. More insecure or excitable types will appreciate your calm and hardworking manner.
- LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23**
 You may feel you're on the side-lines of powerful changes that can't be stopped. You might want to take the lead, but you could spend more time providing support for others. There can be a certain level of stress this week that requires humour and perspective.
- SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22**
 Emotions and expectations can be running high this week. You may want to hit the ground running only to be side-lined by a long list of unfinished or delayed situations. The more you can be your teammates' best cheerleader, the more quickly you can move on to something more interesting.

- SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21**
 You may want to run things in a particular way this week. If you're in a management position, this is an excellent time to encourage more teamwork by asking people to share ideas. Your job is to find a middle ground that works for all. Thursday is a high-energy day.
- CAPRICORN | DEC 22 - JAN 20**
 Your reliability and practical advice make you an important part of any ambitious team effort. The energy also supports entrepreneurial efforts, especially if you're looking for new clients. Financial details and completing necessary paperwork should take top priority midweek. Friday is especially lucky for applying for work, signing contracts, or setting specific goals

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals we shall sell the under mentioned properties by Public auction.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES AT INDUSTRIAL AREA - S.P.S LANE - NAIROBI COUNTY - ON TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER, 2025 - AT OUR NAIROBI OFFICE - UTALII HOUSE - UTALII LANE - 3rd FLOOR SOUTH WING ROOM 304 - AT 11.00AM.



All those parcels of land known as **TITLE NOS. NAIROBI BLOCK 70/346,347&348** registered **L.N.O TRANCEWOOD LIMITED** of P.O. BOX 39007 - 00623 NAIROBI. Plot No.70/346 measures 0.01140 Ha or 0.2817 acres, while Plot No.70/347 measures 0.0403 Ha or 0.0996 acres and Plot No.70/348 measures 0.0421 Ha or 0.1040 acres. The properties are situated in Industrial Area, S.P.S Lane, Nairobi County. Access to the properties from Nairobi City Center is Via Mombasa Road branching left at Lusaka Road and then onto Shimo la Tewa Road for approximately 518 metres and then left onto S.P.S. lane for an estimated 200 metres to the properties. The properties lies within GPS Coordinates 1°18'23.7"S 36°49'51.8"E. Plot No.70/347 & 348 are jointly developed with a Three (3 No.) storey building while Plot No.70/346 is developed with a Godown. Mains electricity and water are connected to the properties. Tenure of the properties is on leasehold interest for a term of 99 years W.E.F 1st July,1986.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intended Purchasers are required to view and verify the details of the property for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the chargees.
2. A deposit of 10% must be paid in cash or Bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid through RTGS or Bankers cheque within 90 days.
3. That deposit of Ksh. 500,000/- in form of bankers cheque to obtain bidding No. prior to the auction shall only be refundable only if you are not declared the highest bidder.
4. The Auctioneer has the right to reject any bid without giving any reason.
5. Sale is subject to reserve price.

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 Nairobi office, University Way, Windsor HSE, 4th Floor Door No. 7 TEL: 0724 776 499

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals the Chargees, We shall sell by Public Auction the under captioned property:

A FOUR (4No) BEDROOMED APARTMENT with an SQ (ALL ENSUITE) within DUCHESS PARK COURT, LAVINGTON- NAIROBI CITY.

ON TUESDAY 04th NOVEMBER, 2025 starting at 11:00am at our NAIROBI OFFICES:

APARTMENT No.CL1 on LR NO. 209/5990/13(IR 269175), DUCHESS PARK, LAVINGTON- NAIROBI CITY, registered in the name of FAREED DIAMOND KHIMANI. The subject unit is a **four-bedroom apartment with an SQ (all ensuite) easily identified as Apartment CL1 within Duchess Park Court along Hatheru road, in Lavington Estate.** The mother title is held on a Leasehold interest and measures approximately 0.5689 of a hectare or 1.4058 acres. **The Court has a swimming pool, a club house, a bar, sauna and a gym.** Mains electricity and piped water are connected while foul drainage is to the mains sewer. The property also has a backup generator, underground concrete storage tanks with booster pumps to other tanks at the roof level and a borehole to supplement mains water.

PRIME INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY WITHIN KOROWE AREA-KISUMU CITY COUNTY

On Tuesday 04th November, 2025 starting at 11:00AM, at Blackbird Storage Yard, Kisumu:

All that parcel of land known as **Title No. Kisumu/Kombura/4449, Korowe Area, Kisumu County** registered in the name of PATEL TRUSHARKUMAR PRAKASHKUMAR and DAHESH AMBALAL PATEL trading as VANDAN HARDWARE & STEEL. **Developed on the subject plot is an incomplete double volume height industrial warehouse with a Plinth area of 6,975Sq.Ft. The property is situated off Kisumu-Nairobi Highway in Korowe area, in Kisumu City County. Caffie Resort and Ndovu Mattress are in the neighborhood.** The subject property is held on **Freehold interest** and measures approximately 0.08Ha equivalent to **0.1977 acres.** It lies on Gps co-ordinates (-0.174417, 34.872889). Mains electricity and water are available for connection at a cost in the neighborhood.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Intending purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details for these are not warranted by Auctioneers or our Clients. **Call CYRUS 0724 776 499 for any clarification.**
2. Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable bidding deposit of Ksh. 500,000/= to the Auctioneer to obtain a bidding number.
3. Bidding deposit of the successful bidder shall be retained by the auctioneer as deposit.
4. The declared purchaser must pay a deposit of 10% to the Chargee within Seven (7) Days from the day of auction, failure to which the deposit will be forfeited without further reference to the purchaser. The balance of the 90% will thereafter be payable to the Chargee within Ninety (90) days from the date of sale. Failure to pay this 90% of the purchase price within the stipulated time will lead to forfeiture of the deposit paid earlier and the property will be re-auctioned without further reference to the purchaser.
5. The sale is subject to reserve price and necessary consents.
6. Viewing of the properties can be done during normal working hours by prior arrangements with ourselves; the Auctioneers.
7. The Auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving a reason
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, the chargee we shall sell the under mentioned concrete pumps by Public Auction

TO BE SOLD ON MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2025 AT 11.00 AM AT OUR OFFICE BLESSED HOUSE 2nd FLOOR DOOR NO. 4 NGARA ROAD OPPOSITE NGARA POST OFFICE NAIROBI



CONCRETE PUMPS

1. SCHWING STETTER CONCRETE PUMP SP1407
2. SCHWING STETTER CONCRETE PUMP SP1400

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Interested buyers are requested to view and verify all the details of the pumps as these are not warranted by the auctioneer.
- Bidding deposit of **Ksh. 100,000** in favour of Antique Auctions agencies.
- The pumps will be sold on 'As Is Where Is' basis.
- Sale of the pumps is subject to reserve price.

CONTACT: 0722 885 028

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the chargee, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned properties together with all improvements and developments erected thereon on **31st October 2025 at 11.00 A.M. at our offices Spur Mall, Ruiru, 2nd Floor Room S.46 Thika Road Exit 13.**

All that vacant freehold interest residential plot known as **Title No. NGONG/NGONG/97576 Kajiado County** registered in the name of **NELSON GICHURE IRUNGU** of P.O. Box 35010 - 00100, Nairobi. This plot measures approximately **0.05 HA.** It is situated approximately 200 meters off Kahara Road, near the edge of Ngong Hills forest, in Upper Malasia area of Olkeri Ward, in Kajiado County. An alternative all weather road is also available that links the property to Matalasia Shopping Centre about 3.1Km away. Trinity Care Centre is approximately 450 meters away. **For exact location and directions google search (-1.391639,36.655306), then tap maps.** Mains electricity and water are available for connection to the subject property from the immediate neighbourhood.

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

1. All interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details as the auctioneer and the Chargee do not warrant these. Viewing is possible during working hours with arrangement with our office.
2. A refundable deposit of Kshs. 50,000/- in cash or bankers cheque must be paid at our offices for one to be allowed to bid.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared the purchaser at the fall of the hammer subject to compliance with all the set conditions of sale.
4. The declared purchaser shall be required to pay 25% of the bid price in **cash, EFT/RTGS or bankers cheque** to the chargee after acceptance of the bid by the chargee and the balance within Ninety (90) days failure whereof the 25% deposit paid shall be forfeited.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

ERRONEOUS ADVERTISEMENT OF TITLE NO. NGONG/ NGONG/50603 IN THE NAME OF SIMON MUTETI MUTUNE IN THE DAILY NATION OF 13th OCTOBER 2025.

IN THE DAILY NATION OF 13th OCTOBER 2025, WE ERRONEOUSLY ADVERTISED TITLE NO. NGONG/NGONG/50603 IN THE NAME OF SIMON MUTETI MUTUNE FOR SALE ON 30th OCTOBER 2025. WE WISH TO CONFIRM THAT THE SAID TITLE NO. NGONG/NGONG/50603 IN THE NAME OF SIMON MUTETI MUTUNE WAS SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2025 AND THE SAME IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE AS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN SOLD.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals the chargees, and acting upon the statutory powers of sale conferred upon the chargee, we shall sell by public auction the under-mentioned properties with all improvements therein.

ON 04th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICES

LR. NO KIJABE/KIJABE BLOCK 1/9054 (NAIVASHA SUB-COUNTY) NAKURU COUNTY ino Francis Gitehi Mbugua & Lucy Nyambura Wamwaki. A freehold interest measuring 0.0992 Ha/ 0.245 Acres access from Mai Mahiu is along Mai Mahiu - Narok Road for about 2Km, turning right before former OLA filling station for about 280M with the property on the right. Developed with an incomplete house(3BDR) with all mains services connected. (-0.989194,36.568611)

TERMS

1. Interested purchasers to view the property and verify details themselves, as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or their principals
2. Highest bidder shall pay a deposit of 10% of the purchase price immediately after the acceptance of the bid by the chargee via **RTGS or BANKERS CHEQUE** and the balance to be paid within Ninety (90) days from the date of sale to the chargee.
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NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE
 The registered owner of plot L.R No. Dagoretti/Uthiru/992 located in Uthiru (cooperation) proposes to change its use from agricultural to multi-family dwelling units (Flat) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals or institutions with representations or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member Lands, Urban Planning, Urban Renewal, Housing & Project Management, Nairobi City County Government, P.O Box 30075-00100, Nairobi.
 Reg. Physical Planner: Kivuti Karingi (RPP NO. 0072)

MINING ACT, 2016
MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS
PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATION FOR MINING LICENCE
 NOTICE is given by virtue of Section 34 of the Mining Act No. 12 of 2016, that the following application for mineral rights has been made and accepted for consideration.

Applicant	KARSAN RAMJI AND SONS LIMITED
Applicant Address	P.O BOX 48838 -00100 NAIROBI
Application Number	ML/2025/0316
Application Area	0.4276 KM² (2 CADASTRAL BLOCKS)
Locality	KAKAMEGA AND UASIN GISHU COUNTIES
Mineral(s) Sought	AGGREGATE

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPOSED APPLICATION BOUNDARIES

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5	0	38	15	N	35	5	30	E

The said application may also be accessed from the portal vide website: <https://portal.miningcadastre.go.ke> and has been published in the Kenya Gazette and opened to public comments for Forty-two (42) days from date of publication.

Dated the 10th July, 2025
HON. HASSAN ALI JOHO EGH,
 Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs.

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CHANGE OF USER
 The Owner of Plot No. Kilifi/Mbaraka Chember/773 in Kilifi County wishes to Change the User of the Plot from Agricultural to Residential subject to the approval of the County Government of Kilifi. Any interested person or institution wishing to make any representation or objection to the above application, stating grounds for objection may send them in writing within 14 days from the date of this publication to:
The CECM-Department Of Lands, Energy, Housing & Physical Planning & Urban Development, Kilifi County Government, P.O. Box 519-80108, Kilifi. Registered Planner: Abubakar A. Maddy/RPP No. 0061

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
NOTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE
 The Registered owner(s) of Plot No. NAIROBI/BLOCK 95/266 located along Kyusa Road, Spring Valley Area proposes to Extend Lease subject to approval by Nairobi City County, Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The CECM- Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County Government, P.O Box 30075- 00100, Nairobi.
 Registered Planner: Kelvin Ritho Gitongo Reg.No: 0270

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT KAJIADO
ELCLC/EI27/2025
 SAROJR. DHANANI 1ST PLAINTIFF
 RAVI DHANANI (Suing as the Administrator of the Estate of Vijaykumar Dharanishi (Deceased)) 2ND PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
 JOHN K. OLE MUSEI 1ST DEFENDANT
 JASON KOILEKEN SEKI 2ND DEFENDANT
 LAND REGISTRAR, KADIADO WEST 3RD DEFENDANT
 HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL 4TH DEFENDANT
HEARING NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES HOLDING TITLE DEEDS RESULTING FROM LAND TITLE NUMBER KAJIADO/NTSHART/511 OR ANY SUBSEQUENT SUBDIVISION THEREOF.
TAKE NOTICE that this matter will be heard on 30th October, 2025 at the Environment and Land Court in Kajiado as per the attached Court Order. You are therefore required to file your responses before the hearing date. Reach out to the indicated firm of Advocates for more information.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in default of your attendance or your representative who is authorized by law to act for you, the case will be heard ex-parte your presence notwithstanding.
DATED at NAIROBI this 14th day of October, 2025.
MARUBU & WANGAI
ADVOCATE FOR THE PLAINTIFFS
DRAWN & FILED BY:-
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT KIKUYU
SUCCESSION CAUSE NO. E334 OF 2022
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN MBUTHIA KARIKO ALIAS JOHN KARIKO (DECEASED)
 IDAH KARIKO 1ST PETITIONER
 CHEGE KARIKO 2ND PETITIONER
VERSUS
 JOHN KARIKO 1ST OBJECTOR
 JAMES KARIKO 2ND OBJECTOR
MENTION NOTICE
 To:
 1. Idah Kariko
 NAIROBI. Email: ikshiku@yahoo.com
 2. Chege Kariko
 NAIROBI. Email: Cwakariko@yahoo.com
TAKE NOTICE that the above matter has been set down for mention on 21st October 2025 at 9.00am before the Chief Magistrates Court at Kikuyu.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no appearance is made by yourselves or someone duly authorized in law to act for you, directions will be given ex parte your absence notwithstanding. **DATED at NAIROBI this 15th day of October 2025.**
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI
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AND
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 (Pursuant to the Court directions issued by Hon. Lady Justice Janet Muwa on 29th September 2025)
TO: AHLAM BASIET ABDUL NIJUD ABDALLAH
TAKE NOTICE that a Notice of Motion Application has been filed at the High Court of Kenya in Nairobi at Milimani Law Courts against you the directors of the 2nd Defendant Service of the pleadings upon you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. A copy of the Notice of Motion and Supporting Affidavit may be obtained from the High Court registry **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the matter shall come up for hearing on 29th October 2025 for examination on the financial status of the 2nd Defendant.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: that in default of your attendance on said date, the Court may proceed to hear the matter and pass any orders it may deem fit.
DATED at NAIROBI this 15th Day of October, 2025.
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ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF
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Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow, humility and acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Nelson Wachira Mwangi.

He was the first-born son of Joseph Mwangi Wachira (Wagachoki) and Consolata Wanjiru Mwangi. Brother of Francis Rukungu Mwangi, Josphat Kabinga Mwangi, Esther Njoki Mwangi, Peter Ruthi Mwangi and Bernard Maina Mwangi. Husband of Beth Nyambura Wachira. Loving father of Joseph Mwangi Wachira, Peter Nguku Wachira and the late Francis Rukungu Wachira.

Nephew of Jacinta Njeri Githinji, Agnes Wanjiru Muthee, Hon. Kabinga Wachira Wathayu (Former Mwesa MP) Bernard Maina Wachira, Judy Wanjiku Wachira, Peter Ruthi Rukungu, Jacinta Njeri Rukungu, Elizabeth Wangari Rukungu, Mary Njambi Wamwea and uncle to many.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at Sagana Town and Kagio Homes at 4pm. Burial ceremony will be at his father's farm opposite Kiamaciri ACK Church Kagio on Friday 17th October 2025

You have fought the good fight, You have finished the race, You have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7)



Nelson Wachira Mwangi

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will, that we announce the passing to glory of Mr. Collins Okware Makero Opuko of Perth Australia which occurred through a tragic road accident.

He was a son of Mr. Ezekiel Opuko and Mrs. Alice Opuko of Kiamunyi Nakuru County. A brother of Pamela, Sarah, Rachael and by extension Isaiah, Lilian Esamai and Agnes Amase. He was grandson of Charles Rabuka Kiboi and Lenah Rabuka, the late Laban Omusee, and the late Tata Rosebella Amojong'.

He was brother-in-law of Lui, Dan and David.

He was a loving uncle of Leonne Siya, Jeremy Wachira, Florence Wachira, Kiana Owiti, Sankara Owiti, Amiri Taysam, and Shanice.

A cousin of Andrew, Alex, James, Esther, Joseph, Faith, Juliet, Dianah, Naomi, Joey, Juliet, Irene, Ashley, Charlene, Roy, Ivy, Terence and Kayla.

The cortege will leave Umash Funeral Home Nakuru on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 2.00 p.m. for an overnight stay at the parents residence in Kiamunyi. The funeral service will be held at the ACK Cathedral of The Good Shepherd Nakuru starting from 10.00 a.m. Burial will follow thereafter at the parent's home in Kiamunyi.



Collins Okware Makero Opuko
Sunrise: 1st March 1997
Sunset: 13th September 2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow, yet with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of our beloved Irene Jepchumba Kalya Kipsang, which occurred on **Saturday, 11th October 2025** while receiving treatment at **Living Room International Hospital**.

Born on 21st July 1968 in Mosoriot, Nandi County, Irene was the beloved daughter of the late Gerald Nathaniel Kalya and Emily Jelal Kalya.

She was sister of the late Elizabeth Murey, the late Mark Kalya, Advocate Wilson Kalya, Lydia Kalya Sum, Lilian Sang, and Dr. Stephen Kalya.

In-law of Joel Murey, late John Sum, Alice, Joyce and Benard Sang.

She was married to Joseph Kipsang Metet, loving mother of Oscar Kiptoo Kipsang and Kimaru Kipsang, and cherished aunt of Diana, Belinda, Mercy, Cheruyot, Kirwa, Caroline, Glen, Kiptenai, Kimurgor, Ivy, Chelimo, Barbara, Lynn, Louisa, Brianna, Leon, Laura, and Latisha.

The cortege will leave **Eldoret Hospital Mortuary** on **Friday, 17th October 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** She will be laid to rest on **18th October 2025** at her home in Chepkoijo Village, Nandi County.

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord, for they will rest from their labour."
— Revelation 14:13



Irene Jepchumba Kalya Kipsang

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of our beloved John Kanyua Kaberere.

Son of the late Charles Kaberere Kanyua and the late Sarah Njeri Kaberere. Husband of Jane Njeri Kanyua.

Father of Charles Kaberere, Sarah Wangari, the late Peris Wanjiru, Dr. Alice Wabuya, Catherine Nyambura and Jimnah Magira.

Brother of the late James Nganga Ndichu. Father-in-law of Catherine Muema & Olivia Magira.

Grandfather of Maya Njeri and April Mumbi. He was an uncle, cousin, and friend to many.

Meetings will be held on Wednesday 15th to 17th October 2025 at All Saints Cathedral from 5.30pm and at his residential house in Nyeri.

The cortege leaves Kenyatta Memorial Funeral Home at KUTRRH on 20th October 2025 for funeral and burial service at Nembu Village, in Gatundu, Kiambu County on the same day.

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.
May his soul rest in eternal peace. Amen.



John Kanyua Kaberere
Born: 25th January 1948 -
Rested: 10th October 2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Mr. Christopher Ombega Mosoti (formerly State Corporations Advisory Committee) on 11th October 2025. Son of the late Lucas Mosoti and the late Elizabeth Kerubo and Olpha Nyangweso. Loving Husband of Teresa Bitutu Ombega. Devoted father of Adv. Lydia Ombega (ODPP Ngong), CPA Nancy Ombega (Treasurer), Adv. Diana Ombega (ODPP Embu). Guardian of Calvin Omete and Brian Mosoti. Son in Law of late Orangi Akeya, late Senior Chief Nyanchoka, Sospeter Onchabo and late Kerubo Orangi among others. Father in law of Abner Ogembo and Geoffrey Nyandega. Korera of late Duncana Ogembo, Margaret Kerubo, late Joseph Nyandega and Maria Moraa. Brother of late Mokeira, Sabina, late Mokuu, Salome, Brigitta, Omuya, late Mellen, Francisca, Veronica, Richard, Charles, Alexina, Agnes, Beatrice, late Josephine. Brother in law of late Ooga, late Rebecca, Matoke, Ombura, Nyaboke, Mirera, Ayoti, Orenge, Atambo, Kinanga, Moruri, Oyaro, late Methuselah, late Abineri, late Obunga, Mabiria, Moriti, late Shem, Oganda, Mosiori, Omosa, Nyanga, Obure, Mageto. Nephew of late Ngare, late Masese and others. Uncle of Zachary, the Ooga's, the Mokuu's, the Matoke's, the Ombura's, the Omuya's, the Mirera's, the Kiana's, the Orenge's, the Kinanga's, the Atambo's, the Moruri's, the Oyaro's, the Tinega's, the Abineri's, the Obunga's, the Mabiria's, the Moriti's, the Gesare's, the Mosiori's, the Nyanga's, the Oganda's, the Siocha's, the Obure's, the Mageto's, the Osiemo's, Vinny and others. Cousin of late Bikundo, late Omwanza, Samuel, Ndege, Maobe and others. Doting grandfather of Joel, Maliki, Kayla, Maya and others. He was a mentor and friend to many. Prayers and funeral arrangements are ongoing at his Nkoroi Residence and his home at Nyangena Village. Main fundraising shall be held on Tuesday, 28th October 2025 at the All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi. The cortege leaves Montezuma Funeral Home Mbagathi Way, Nairobi on Thursday, 30th October 2025. Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 31st October 2025 at his home in Nyangena village, Nyachichi sub location, Kemera location, Nyamira County.



Mr. Christopher Ombega Mosoti
Sunrise: 31/12/1962
Sunset: 11/10/2025

I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ~ 2 Timothy 4:7.

Celebrating The Life Of



Janet Gaceri M'Rukaria "Janny"
Sunrise: 4th April 1939 ~ Sunset: 10th October 2025

With deep sorrow but with humble acceptance the Rukaria's family announce the transition to glory of our dear wife, sister, mother, grandmother & great grandmother, which occurred on Friday 10th October, 2025 at Nkubu Mission Hospital after a short illness.

Lovely wife of Senior M'Rukaria M' Murithi aka Karimo. Daughter of the late M'Ringera M'Riria and late Joyce Mwari M'Ringera.

The only sister of Kamee M'Ringera, Maguru M'Ringera and the late Nkuubi M'Ringera.

Loving mother of Marion Kenya & Henry Nkonge, Simon Muthiora & Agnes Nkuene, Zakayo Kimathi & Florence Mwari, Amaria Gaicugi & Stephen Magiri, Angelo Munene & Catherine Kajuju, Douglas Mwirigi & Fridah Kanana, Zablun Mwonera & Joy Kendi, Faith Mwendwa & the late Abraham Mbaabu, Rosemary Kauthu- Njema, and Doris Kanana.

Loving grandmother of Godfrey Mwachiri, late Amon Mutari, Lydia Makena, Tony Mutwiri, Doreen Muthoni, Scholastica Kagwiria, Linus Mureti, Bonface Koome, Stephen Mutegi, Dennis Mwenda, Eric Kiambi, Polly Makandi, Brandon Kinoti, Easters Murimi, Ken Murithi, Austin Mutugi, Kevin Murangiri, Collins Muguna, Baraka Gitonga, Wilson Mutuma, Ivan Mutwiri, Shawn Muthuri. She is blessed with 14 great grandchildren.

The cortege will leave Nkubu Mission Hospital on Saturday 18th October, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Funeral service will be held at Katheju Primary School, Central Imenti, Meru County on Saturday 18th October, 2025 from 10:00 a.m and later a private interment at her home at Kigongo village.

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Death and Funeral Announcement



Joshua Tanchu Sinkeet

Born: 3rd September 1969 – Died: 9th October 2025

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of **Joshua Tanchu Sinkeet**, that occurred on **9th October 2025** at **Coptic Hospital** after a short illness.

He was the beloved son of **Simion Sinkeet Ole Mutungei** and **Ann Nenkoti Sinkeet**, and step-son of the late **Grace Naituyu Sinkeet**, **Miriam Rakonik Sinkeet**, and **Joyce Mukure Sinkeet**.

He was a loving husband of **Judith Lagat Tanchu**, and son-in-law of the late **Anthony Limo** and **Mary Agnes Lagat**. They are blessed with three children: **Nicole Sian Tanchu**, **Sean Solitei Tanchu**, and **Jesse Leyian Tanchu**. He was also a devoted foster father of **Lee Kitur** and **Laura Kitur**.

He was brother of the late **Rayon Matiko**, **Samuel Nakudana**, **Teketi Antie**, **Mutete Noonkileti**, **Kikese Tirkuale**, **Jackson Matayen**, **Stanley Tinkoy**, **Daniel Tompo**, **Nathaniel Kasaro**, **Jeremiah Kipinkat**, **Walter Sakayan**, **Sinchore Sainepu**, **Edward Parmutia**, **John Kupere**, **Sinkiyian Ntetuka**, **Joseph Moinket**, the late **Benard Tajeu**, **Sisian Keponyi**, **Siteyia Leyiapas**, the late **Harrison Kinding'ie**, **Alex Legis**, **Paul Kikanai**, **Nakaya Solonka**, **Moses Ntaya**, **Emily Nasei**, **Tumelei Olootu**, **Sanayo Mutuma**, **Nashipae Saruni**, **Julius Parsaoti**, **Nancy Saiton**, **Semetei Njathi**, and the late **Timothy Tipatet**.

Until his demise, Joshua was the Marketing Coordinator for East Africa at **VERED HASHARON**, an Israeli Travel Group of Companies. He previously worked with **Kenya Airways** (Manager **KQ Holidays**).

There will be a **Memorial Service** on **Wednesday, 15th October 2025**, at his **Nameelok Home in Kitengela**, starting at **2:00 p.m.**

The **funeral service and burial** will take place at the same venue on **Friday, 17th October 2025**, from **11:00 a.m.**

"We loved you, but God loved you more."

"Your kindness, laughter, and love will forever remain in our hearts."

Time To Rest

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of **Mzee James Peter Ngugi Kaguathi**.

He was the son of the late **Mr. David Kaguathi Kuria** and the late **Mrs. Winnie Wanjiku Kaguathi**.

He was husband of **Hannah Nyambura Ngugi**.

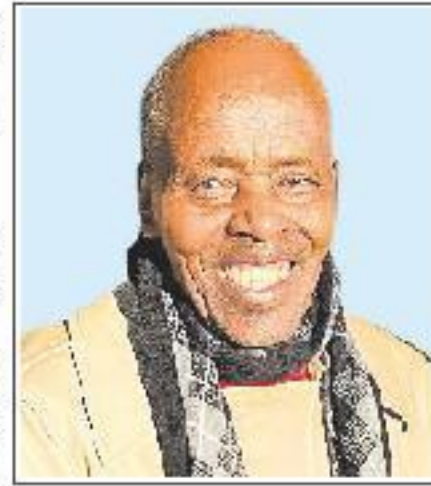
Brother of **Mary Njeri Ngumi (Bahati)**, **Felista Muthoni Njoroge (Wamwitha)**, late **Elizabeth Nyambura Waronja**, the late **George Kuria Kaguathi** & late **James Chege Kaguathi**.

He was father of **David Kaguathi**, **Mrs. Pauline Gichora (Eldoret)**, **Fred Nganga (USA)**, **George Kuria (Tgs Manohar Lall & Rai)**, **Winnie Wanjiku (McLarens)**, **Felista Nyambura**, **Thomas Kaiba (USA)**, **James Chege (USA)**, **Steven Mbugua**, **Michael Kinyanjui** and **Martha Njeri (ISK)**.

He was father-in-law of **Lenny Chomba (Chomba Sounds, Eldoret)**, **Susan Wanjiku**, **Mary Ayala (USA)**, **Hellen Murugi**, **Charity Nyawira**, **Emma Kaiba (USA)**, **Maria Fernandez (USA)**, **Tabitha Gathoni**, **Ann Wairimu** and **Rashid Rono**.

He was a great-grandfather, grandfather, father, uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily at his residence **Ngarariga**, **Limuru** from **4:00 pm**. The cortege will leave **Uphome Funeral Home** in **Uplands** on **Wednesday 22nd October 2025** at **8:30AM** for funeral service at **Ngarariga Catholic Church** and interment later on at his home in **Ngarariga**.



Mzee James Peter Ngugi Kaguathi

**Sunrise: 25 December 1941
Sunset: 11 October 2025**

Death and Funeral Announcement

It's with profound sadness that we the family of the late **Teresia Ndungwa Mwanja** sadly announce her Demise on **October 8th, 2025** after a long illness.

Daughter of the late **Kieti Mbole** and the late **Ndeve Kieti**. Wife of the late **Joseph Mwanja**. Mother of Retired Assistant Inspector General **Peter Mwanja Mwanja Of The National Police Service**, **Josephine Mueni**, **Sally Nzilani**, **Samuel Mutuku Of The Traffic Police**, all the late **Zainab Mwikali**, **Irene Ndunge**, and **Boniface Muthama**. Mother-in-Law of **Jackline Mwanja (KRA)**, **Agnes Kanini**, **Jacqueline Muthoni**, the late **Ramadhan Mutua**, and the late **Peter Musila**. Sister of **Maria Kieti**, **Kaili Kieti**, all the late **Rael Muket**, **Wanzau kieti**, **Katiku Kieti**, **Munyanzi Kieti**, and many more. Grandmother of **Amina of the Traffic Police**, **Accountant Mwendu at Cooperative Bank**, **Entrepreneur Benson, Faith... Dr. Ngau, Dr. Felix, Engineer Sharon, Kevin Journalist at Radio Waumini**, **Susan Journalism Student at Jkuat**, **Brian Nursing Student at Jkuat**, **Maureen Student at State House Girls**, **Halima, Faraji, Abdi, Juma, Ken, Michelle, Mbithe, Ian, and Liana**. Great grandmother of **IT graduate Ramadhan, Zuberi Computer Science Student at Jkuat**, **Zainab, Ramah, Zedi, Mercy, Ramah, Hamisi, Babu J, Baraka, Ramah, Sean, Shani and Nadia Muendo**.

Family and friends are meeting at her home in **Tala** and at **Kuche-Kuche Hotel**, **Nyayo Stadium** for funeral preparations. The cortege will leave **Montezuma Machakos**, on **Saturday 18th October 2025** followed with **Funeral Mass and Burial**, at her residence in **Tala, Machakos County**.

"In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you live forever."



Teresia Ndungwa Mwanja

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the sleeping of **Shujaa Mama Justa William Ogoti of Geseneno Village, Nyamira County** who rested on **25th Sept. 2025**.

She was wife of **Mzee John Ogoti Kirima** and co-wife of **Mama Mary Nyangweso Ogoti**. She was the last-born child of the late **William Ndansangia Namfua** and **Prisca Namfua of Mkuu, Rombo Tanzania**. She was mother of **Prof. Herman Kirima, Gilbert, Rose, Crispine, Janet, Beatrice, Lilian, Edna, Rachel, Violet** and **Fred, Stepmother of Duke, Joyce, Peter, Sammy, Damaris, Thomas and Gladys**. Daughter-in-law of the late **Kiriama Omanwa** and **Kerubo Kirima, Kombo, Onundu, Moenga, Onduko, Kieya, Biashara and Ondieki Omanwa**.

She was sister of **Faustine, Pascal, Justi, Ephraim, Marcel and Jacob (all late)**, **Sister Claudia, Shaflet, Rogati, Marceline Michael and Raphaela** all of **Mkuu, Rombo Tanzania**. Co-wife of **Jelia, Josephine, Mary, Kerebi, Yunes and Alice**.

She was sister in law of **Bathseba**, late **Sikweya**, late **Bwoma, Ochengo, Japheth Mayaka**, late **Joash, Mary and Marita** and many others. Cousin of late **Onyancha, Moses, Daniel, Omanwa, late Zachary, late Charles, late Ochengo, Mongare and David**. Mother-in-law of **Catherine, Maureen, Zachary, late Nyarenchi, Ondieki, Obonyo, Wakili Nyangweso and Ruth**.

Proud grandmother of **Njeri and Kibet, Precious and Ravi, Genuine and Sarah, Michelle, Lorraine, Brian, Sharon, Tyrone, Neville, Edwin, Brayden, Sandra and Geoffrey, Dr. Zinzi, Elton, Evelyn and Robertson, Humphrey, Marvin, Valery, Knight, Mark and Juliette, Kennedy, Dennis, Tony, Frank, Natan, Dan and Dinnel** among others. Korera of late **Mr and Mrs Kobuthi**, late **Mr and Mrs Auka**, late **Mr and Mrs Miroro**, late **Mr and Mrs Nyangweso**, late **Mr and Mrs Obonyo**. Great grandmother of **Chepogeno, Kiprotich, Ayden, Amelia, Aari, Raniyah, Kelchi, Kaija, Nicole, Nayobi, Savannah, Andy and Gabriel**.

Aunt of **Nyachienga, Joseph, the late Omwoyo, Vincent, Susan, Onkeo, Evans, Ongera, Linnet, Mosoti, Renard, Eng, Walter, Prorimena, Salvatori, Pelard, Tibrus, Titus, Jackline, Claudia, Diana, Humphrey and Benedict** among others.

The cortege leaves **Umash Funeral Home Nairobi** on **Friday 17th October 2025** at **7:00 a.m.** for **Geseneno Village, Nyamira**. Burial will be on **Sunday 19th October 2025**.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

— **2 Timothy 4:7**



**Shujaa Mama Justa William Ogoti
1940 ~ 2025**

Death and Funeral Announcement



Milcah Mueni Muathe

Sunrise: 28/08/1948 ~ Sunset: 12/10/2025

It is with acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of **Milcah Mueni Muathe (retired Nursing Officer One, KNH)** on **Sunday, 12th October 2025**.

Daughter of the late **Paul Syano Mulati** and the late **Tabitha Mukami Syano**.

Beloved wife of **Geoffrey Muathe (EBS, retired Deputy Commissioner of Police)**. Cherished mother of **Julius Muathe, Lucy Nduku, Nancy Kanini, and Dorcas Mwendu**.

Sister of **David Mutunga**, the late **Patrick Nzioki**, the late **Marion Ngina, Josephine Mumbua, and Joseph Ndeto**.

Daughter in law of the late **Muathe Kilelo**, the late **Martha Kamweli Muathe** and **Mueni Muathe**.

Sister in law of the late **William Kimongo Muathe**, **Pastor Simeon Mwaluko Muathe**, the late **Philip Mwanthi Muathe**, the late **Sammy Muasya Muathe**, and **Mary Kalondu Ndambuki**.

Mother in law of the late **Mueni Wambua** and **Daniel Ngari**.

Grandmother of **Trevann Muathe, Oliver, and Olivia Ngari**.

Cousin of the late **Amb. Henry Mull**, the late **Appellate Judge Matthew Guy Mull**, the late **Sarah Nguta, Rev Kithokoi, Sarah Ndaka, Kyalo Isaac, Josephine Mbulwa, Robert Mbatu, Muthiani Mutungi**, among others.

Aunty of **Hon Dr. Susan Mbinya, Eunice Mulovi, Koki Josiah, former PS Nduva, and Dr. Koki**, among others.

A loving niece, cousin, aunty, and friend to many.

Funeral arrangements are taking place daily at **Norwich Union, level 4, Room 23** from **5 p.m.**

The funeral will be held on **Friday, 24th October**, at her home in **Nzevea village, Masii ward, Machakos County**.

9th Anniversary



Veronica Wanjiku Murugu

20 December 1956 — 16 October 2016

It has been nine years since you departed from us to be with the Lord.

Though you are physically gone,
your tender memories still remain with us.
Continue enjoying heavenly bliss.

Dearly missed by your loving husband **John**, his spouse **Purity, Steven, Eric and Sheila**; **Samuel** and his wife **Sarah**, **Grandchildren Shawn, Tyler and Imani**, other family members and friends.

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes In me, even if he die, will live," John 11:25

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Heller Keller

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Sport



World Cup Stars coach McCarthy says his young squad will be ready to shine in future tournaments after exit ◀ **P.39**

Tribute Kenya's sports fraternity mourns Raila who used football to unite people **P.38**



Posta Rangers head coach Sammy "Pamzo" Omolo. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION

Posta ascend to league summit after Shabana win

BY WYCLIFFE NYABERI

Posta Rangers FC yesterday ascended to the summit of the Sportpesa Premier League following their 2-1 victory over Shabana FC at Gusii Stadium.

The mail men, who have had a perfect start to the league, ensured their coach Sammy Pamzo Omolo made a remarkable return to Gusii Stadium after his unceremonious exit from the Kisii-based side late last year.

Before joining Posta, Pamzo coached Shabana. However, the club part ways with him in October last year over poor results.

Brian Marita opened the scores just before half-time when he rose past his markers to put the visitors ahead.

In the second half, Shabana coach Peter Okidi made a double substitution, introducing Kevin Omundi and Victor Otieno in places of Douglas Mokaya and Erick Otieno, respectively.

In the 62nd minute, Shabana got a penalty after Ezekiah Omuri was fouled in the box. Substitute Omundi stepped up but his lowly placed effort was saved by Posta goalkeeper Fredrick Odhiambo, who joined the mail men this season from Shabana.

With 13 minutes of play left, Posta increased their tally through Teddy Trevor. Eric Otieno scored the consolation for Shabana in the 92nd minute.

Pamzo thanked his players for what he termed an important victory, noting they had prepared for the match well for the match.

Sunshine Development Tour Kibugu eyes a good show during seventh leg at Vet Lab

Lejirmah reigns supreme

Royal Nairobi Golf Club player trounced Windsor's Kibugu in the play-offs of a hotly contested event

BY LARRY NGALA

In a thrilling match, Kenya's top amateur golfer, John Lejirmah, outplayed Njoroge Kibugu in a sudden death playoff yesterday, claiming the Johnnie Walker Classic title at the par-72 Royal Nairobi Club.

The event served as the sixth leg of the Sunshine Development Tour East Africa Swing and had a prize pool of Sh2 million, 400,000 of which would go to the winner. Lejirmah took home 130,000 Kenyan shillings, the prize for an amateur golfer, plus world ranking points.

Lejirmah started the final round four shots ahead of Kibugu of the Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club. He got off to a good start, picking up a birdie at the first hole. He moved to 11 under par after rolling in two back-to-back birdies. However, Lejirmah dropped a shot at the 11th hole, finishing with a two-under-par 70 for the day and a three-round total of 10-under-par 213.

An emotional Lejirmah reflected on his victory, saying: "It's been a long journey. The first leg slipped away from me, and in another event, I narrowly lost in a playoff." He went on to say: "I didn't throw in the towel. I went back to the drawing board, did what needed to be done, and here I am."

"Coming into this week, I knew I had an advantage playing at home. I kept telling myself I needed to stay patient, focused, and finish strong. I'm so glad it paid off. Honestly, the pressure was there. I kept reminding myself that this was my moment."

He said he received a lot of support from his Royal Club teammates, which gave him



Royal Nairobi Golf Club amateur player John Lejirmah after winning the sixth leg of the Sunshine Development Tour at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club yesterday. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

extra motivation but also added a bit of pressure. I stayed calm, trusted my game, and kept telling myself, "Lej, you need this, and you have to go for it."

Meanwhile, his playing partner Kibugu, who started the final round four under par, appeared headed for victory as he rolled in two birdies on the front nine, against a bogey on the sixth hole.

However, it was on the back nine that Kibugu picked up five birdies for an impressive six under 66, catching up with the leader, Lejirmah, and forcing a playoff.

Kibugu, who spoke after the event, said: "It was a really strong round. I stayed patient, trusted my swing, and created good opportunities throughout. Pushing it to a playoff felt great. Although it didn't go my way, I'm

THE LEADER BOARD:

- Njoroge Kibugu
70, 70, 66=206
- John Lejirmah (a)
70, 66, 70=206
- Rodell Gaita Tadeo (Ug)
70, 75, 68=213
- Dismas Indiza
72, 71, 70=213
- Celestin Nsanzuwera (Rw)
73, 73, 69=215
- Erick Ooko
71, 72, 72=215
- Kasango Grace (Ug)
71, 73, 72=216.

proud of how I played and how I finished the tournament."

On the par-four 18th hole during the play-offs, Kibugu's tee shot went awry, landing to the left of the fairway. He chipped out for two and fired onto the green in three. Meanwhile, Lejirmah hit his second shot off the green but chipped on for a par. Kibugu picked up a double bogey and surrendered the title to Lejirmah, the Royal player.

Despite losing the playoff, Kibugu took home Sh214,000. Tying for third place at three under par (213) were senior professional Dismas Indiza and Uganda's Rodell Tadeo Gaita. The two earned Sh123,500 each. The next event, the seventh leg, will take place at the Vet Lab Sports Club course from November 2 to 4.

GOLF
McIlroy eyes Ryder Cup captaincy

Rory McIlroy has his sights set on leading Europe in the Ryder Cup one day, but the Northern Irishman joked yesterday that he hopes to be wielding clubs rather than clipboards when the next edition rolls around in 2027 in Ireland. Speaking ahead of the inaugural DP World India Championship in New Delhi, McIlroy said captaining Europe would come only after his playing days wind down - or when he's no longer good enough to make the team. (Reuters)



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy. FILE | NATION

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Harambee Stars' 2026 World Cup qualifier loss to Cote d'Ivoire in Abidjan on Tuesday

CRICKET
Captain Masood urges Pakistan to be consistent

Pakistan captain Shan Masood wants his team to seize the momentum and show more consistency after they beat South Africa yesterday in the first of their two-test series. Pakistan wrapped up a 93-run win over South Africa on the fourth day, making the most of the pitch conditions to ensure victory. But it follows 12 months of indifferent test results for Pakistan, who came from behind to beat England 2-1 in a home series this time last year; then lost 2-0 in South Africa before a 1-1 home draw with the West Indies. "We are playing good cricket against quality opposition but at the same time, the challenge is that we need to consistently perform and win matches against top teams," he told a press conference. (Reuters)



Tribute He was the long-serving patron of premier league club Gor Mahia and never missed 'Mashemeji Derby'

Baba's other love: How Raila united Kenya using football

Raila bridged the gap between politics, sports, and community development through his acts of generosity such as cash donations

BY GEOFFREY ANENE

Raila Amollo Odinga will be remembered, not only as a statesman and reformist, but also as a sports lover who believed in uplifting athletes and nurturing local talent.

Fondly known as Agwambo, Tinga, Baba, or RAO, Raila passed away at the age of 80 yesterday morning, in India after suffering cardiac arrest. He had travelled to the Asian country for treatment.

Beyond his towering political legacy, Odinga had a lifelong love for sports, particularly football, and was an ardent supporter of Kenya's national team, Harambee Stars, and the local premier league giants Gor Mahia FC, whom he served as patron for nearly two decades. He was always at Mashemeji Derby, a match contested between old rivals Gor Mahia and AFC Leopards.

In 2012, while serving as Prime Minister, Raila announced a bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games, which would have made Kenya the first African country to stage the quadrennial event.

"No country in Africa has won more Olympic medals than Kenya, so we have all the rights to host the Games, and we are asking Brazil to support us," said Raila told a press conference then.

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Raila Odinga, in 2012



Gor Mahia captain Jerim Onyango presents their Premier League trophy to the club's patron Raila Odinga when they paid him a courtesy call at his Upper Hill office in Nairobi on November 3, 2015. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

However, the bid never materialised and was ultimately abandoned. In 2020, Raila reiterated his belief that Kenya could host the Olympics. He emphasised the importance of supporting athletes and sports programs.

A passionate sportsman in his youth, Odinga played for Luo Union in the 1960s and later for the Parliamentary Football

Club (Bunge FC). His love for the game continued throughout his life.

During the 2025 Africa Nations Championship (CHAN), which Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda co-hosted, Raila pledged Sh500,000 to every Harambee Stars player after the team's 1-0 victory over Zambia's Chipolopolo, courtesy of Ryan Ogam's winning goal.

On October 3, as Gor Mahia's patron, he donated Sh10 million to the club to support its 2025-2026 league season.

Gor Mahia celebrated the gesture on social media, describing their visit to opposition chief's Karen home as "a historic breakfast" and praising his unwavering commitment and generosity. Odinga, a devoted fan of English Premier League side Arsenal, served Kenya as an MP, Cabinet Minister, and Prime Minister. He consistently supported local clubs financially and morally.

On November 30 last year, Raila gifted Gor Mahia Sh700,000 and their opponents, Mara Sugar, Sh300,000 after a league match at Raila Odinga Stadium, adding Sh100,000 for the match officials.

His support for Gor Mahia stretched back decades. In November 2015, he awarded the team Sh500,000 for winning the Kenyan Premier League for the third consecutive time when he hosted them at his Capitol Hill offices in Nairobi. He also attended the historic Gor Mahia vs Everton match at Goodison Park. The encounter was organised through SportPesa's sponsorship, a proud moment for Kenyan football.

On November 27, 2023, Raila awarded Gor Mahia Sh1 million and Muhoroni Youth Sh500,000 after another league encounter in Homa Bay. Earlier, in June 2023, he had gifted Gor Mahia Sh1.5 million for clinching their record 20th league title, reinforcing his reputation as one of the club's most loyal supporters.

Odinga also spearheaded several initiatives to help Gor Mahia achieve financial stability. Among them was the Gor Mahia Bread project launched at Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground in Kisumu. It was a partnership between Gor Mahia FC and Good Bread Kenya.

For every loaf sold, Sh1 was channeled to the club, creating a steady income stream. In 2016, he helped launch the Gor Mahia FC Savings & Credit Cooperative Society (SACCO) to empower players and fans while addressing the club's recurring financial struggles. Through these acts, Raila bridged the gap between politics, sports, and community development.

His influence extended far beyond the political arena, leaving an enduring mark on Kenyan football and youth empowerment. Raila Odinga's generosity, charisma, and unwavering passion for sports made him a beloved figure both on and off the field.

In recognition of his influence and devotion to sports, the Homa Bay Stadium was named Raila Odinga Stadium.

He is survived by his wife, Ida, and three children—Rosemary (48), Raila Junior (46), and Winnie (35). His son Fidel Odinga died in 2015. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

President William Ruto and former PM Raila Odinga lead Kenyans in celebrating their CHAN victory against DR Congo at Kasarani stadium on August 8. PHOTO | PCS

Sports fraternity mourns major supporter

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

Tributes poured in yesterday as the Kenyan sports fraternity mourned the death of former Prime Minister and ODM leader Raila Odinga.

Raila died yesterday morning in Kerala, India, after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 80 years old. The opposition chief travelled to India a few weeks ago for treatment.

The Football Kenya Federation (FKF) and the Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) led the Kenyan sports fraternity in

paying tribute to Raila, who played for Luo Union and Bunge FC, was patron of Kenyan Premier League side Gor Mahia, and an ardent fan of national football team Harambee Stars, as well English Premier League club Arsenal.

FKF mourned Odinga as "a statesman, visionary leader, and passionate supporter of local football."

"His legacy will continue to inspire. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends and Kenyans during this difficult time," FKF published on X.

Also publishing on X, KRU hailed Odinga's "contribution to building a united and progressive Kenya remains an inspiration to

us all." "We honour his legacy of leadership and nation-building, values that continue to guide our sport both on and off the field," KRU said in their tribute.

Gor Mahia FC described Raila as "our guiding light and a tremendous support to our club."

"A great leader and a big supporter of the game," AFC Leopards said on X.

"A true symbol of courage, hope, and resilience. Your voice inspired generations, your fight shaped our democracy, and your legacy will forever live in the hearts of those who believe in justice and unity. Rest well, Baba. Your spirit lives on in every dream of a better Kenya," Kenya women's national vol-

leyball team Malkia Strikers wrote on their Facebook page.

"Football has lost a huge fan," national women's team Harambee Starlets player Esse Akida said on Facebook.

On Facebook, former javelin world champion Julius Yego eulogised Odinga as "a towering figure and a champion of democracy."

Sprinter Ferdinand Omanyala reposted a Facebook photo of himself with Odinga and captioned it, "Rest in peace Baba." Kenya Pipeline team volleyball player Loice Simiyu was poetic in her mourning, publishing on Facebook; "You served the nation. In the history books you shall be counted. Written in our hearts forever. Rest well Enigma Raila Odinga."

And after the government declared seven days of national mourning following Raila's death, Football Kenya Federation announced suspension of all league matches during that period.

All set as 130 boxers fight for honours in Nairobi

BY AYUMBA AYODI

Regional supremacy and a battle of wits take centre stage when 130 pugilists meet at the Africa Boxing Confederation Zone III Championships starting tomorrow at Kasarani gymnasium.

Despite five withdrawals, the event still looks tight with several defending champions, African Games and Africa medallists from 10 countries gracing the 10-day extravaganza.

Boxing Federation of Kenya secretary general David Munuhe said the draw will be done tomorrow followed by the opening ceremony, later at 5pm. "Some bouts might start on Friday or the following day depending on the number of boxers," said Munuhe.

Three countries that topped during the last championships in Kinshasa, DR Congo, already have the boxers in the country for the showdown – DRC, Kenya and Cameroon. DRC won the Kinshasa battle with 38 medals (13 gold, 13 silver, and 12 bronze). Kenya finished second with 18 medals (6 gold, 5 silver, and 7 bronze) followed by Cameroon.

Boxers from DRC are already in Nairobi while Uganda and Tanzania, who have a contingent of 22 boxers each, were expected yesterday, alongside Cameroon, Rwanda and Gabon.

Countries that have withdrawn are Republic of Congo, Sudan, Chad, Equatorial Guinea and Guinea Bissau. Cameroon, that has six boxers, have 2023 Africa super-heavyweight champion Zacharie Mvogo, the reigning Africa minimum weight champion Wouang Marcial, the 2023 Africa flyweight bronze medallist Issouhou Mouhaman and African Games light-heavyweight bronze medallist Fotouo.

DRC have the reigning Africa female flyweight champion Nyembo Gisele and 2023 Africa light heavyweight champion Marie Joelle Mwika. Kenya's assault that has 34 boxers, 23 men and 11 women, will be led by Africa light middleweight champion Boniface Mugunde and African Games middleweight champion Edwin Okong'o. Shaffi Bakari (featherweight) and Elizabeth Andiego (light heavy) are the only surviving gold medallists from the 2022 championships.

Lorna Kusa, who claimed silver in light middleweight in 2022, has scaled to light heavy for the Nairobi show while African Games bronze medallist Amina Martha, who took bronze in featherweight in DRC event, moves to bantamweight.

Uganda head coach Lawrence Kalyango said: "We have come to beat you at home, I have a young team of very skilful boxers."

2026 Fifa World Cup Cape Verde completed a fairy-tale run by qualifying for the first time

McCarthy: My young squad will surely live to fight another day

Cote d'Ivoire, Algeria, Cape Verde, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Senegal, SA, and Tunisia had direct qualification



Kenya's Daniel Sakari attempts to beat Côte d'Ivoire's Ghislain Konan during the Harambee Stars' 3-0 loss to the reigning African champions in their 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifying match in Abidjan on Tuesday night. PHOTO | POOL

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

Harambee Stars' 2026 Fifa World Cup qualifying campaign ended with a 3-0 loss to World Cup-bound Cote d'Ivoire on Tuesday night in Abidjan, the city where the draw for the qualifiers was held on July 13, 2023. Harambee Stars were pooled in Group 'F' with reigning Afcon champions Cote d'Ivoire, Burundi, Gabon, The Gambia, and Seychelles.

The first round of qualifiers – a group stage round that for the first time ever comprised all the 54 members of CAF, except Eritrea – started on November 15, 2023. The northeast African country on the Red Sea coast, Eritrea, withdrew from qualification before playing any matches over concerns players would seek political asylum if allowed to travel abroad.

That stage ended 700 days later, on October 14, with Stars left looking into the future yet again after finishing fourth in Group 'F' with 12 points from 10 matches.

"We have a young team. We are learning. In two years' time, we will be ready and at a better level to compete with teams such as Cote d'Ivoire," Harambee Stars' South African coach Benni McCarthy said after the loss to the West Africans, whom the former Bafana Bafana striker congratulated for qualifying to their fourth World Cup with a squad of "top quality international footballers".

Next year's World Cup will be co-hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Perhaps the story would have been different for Harambee Stars had they made home advantage count. Harambee Stars collected only five points from their five home matches, of which two –



Harambee Stars coach Benni McCarthy during the team's training session at Police Sacco Stadium in Nairobi on October 6, ahead of their World Cup qualifying matches against Burundi and Côte d'Ivoire. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

against Burundi (1-1) and Cote d'Ivoire (0-0) – were stalemates played in Malawi because Kenya lacked CAF-approved venues. When Kasarani and Nyayo got the green light from CAF to host matches, home comforts only yielded a 5-0 win against minnows Seychelles with Gabon (2-1) and The Gambia (3-1) triumphing in Nairobi. On the road, Stars picked up seven points after registering wins against Burundi (1-0) and Seychelles (5-0), drawing against The Gambia (3-3), and suffering losses to Cote d'Ivoire (3-0) and Gabon (2-1).

Reflecting on Harambee Stars' journey on Monday last week in Nairobi, captain Michael Olunga emphasised on the importance of winning home matches, the country having top-notch sports facilities, and having a strong start.

Yet, Harambee Stars almost enjoyed a strong start to their campaign but dropped points from winning positions away to Gabon in their first match and at home to Burundi in their third match, results that sandwiched their 5-0 away victory to Seychelles.

In the fourth match, the last 2026 Fi-

fa World Cup qualifier, Harambee Stars played under the Turkish Engin Firat. The Stars squandered glorious chances as Cote d'Ivoire held them to a 0-0 draw in Lilongwe, Malawi. Later, Harambee Stars collected seven points from a possible 18 under McCarthy who took over in March this year.

Still, Olunga's blueprint for a successful World Cup qualifying was effectively implemented by Group 'F' winners Cote d'Ivoire, Algeria, debutants Cape Verde, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa, and Tunisia.

Egypt (Group 'A'), Senegal (Group 'B'), Morocco (Group 'E'), Cote d'Ivoire, and Tunisia (Group 'H') qualified with unbeaten records. Morocco, who on September 5, became the first African country to book their place in the 23rd edition of the Fifa World Cup, were remarkably superior. The Atlas Lions finished their campaign with a 100 per cent record.

Cote d'Ivoire and Tunisia qualified without conceding a goal, a feat that only seven teams – Italy (1934 and 1974), Turkey (1950), Yugoslavia (1954), Uruguay (1970), Chile (1982), and England (1990) – had previously achieved before.

A clerical error almost cost South Africa their place. Bafana Bafana had three points and two points deducted for fielding an ineligible player against Lesotho, who were awarded a 3-0 win.

Temporary setback

That added to the drama in Group 'C', handing lifelines to Benin and Nigeria who closed the gap on the runaway South Africans as a result. Yet, the setback was only temporary and when it mattered most, Bafana Bafana beat Rwanda 3-0 on the last day to bolt to their fourth World Cup appearance.

Perhaps the story of the qualifiers is that of Cape Verde, who after Iceland (in 2018), became the second smallest country, in terms of population, to qualify for the Fifa World Cup after past perennial qualifiers Cameroon, Angola, eSwatini, Libya, and Mauritius in Group D. The Blue Sharks, so far, will be one of three nations that will make their World Cup debut in 2026. The other two countries are Jordan and Uzbekistan.

The expansion of the Fifa World Cup to 48 teams meant Africa earned nine slots in next year's competition. That number could increase to 10 if one of the quartet of Cameroon, DR Congo, Gabon, and Nigeria go all the way in the continental and inter-continental play-offs. The four teams earned their place in the continental play-offs after ranking among the four best group runners-up.

The continental play-offs for the CAF region will be contested in November in Morocco. The inter-continental play-offs – which will feature one each from AFC, CAF, Conmebol, and OFC and two from Concacaf – will take place in Mexico in March 2026.

The winner of those play-offs will qualify for the 2026 Fifa World Cup.

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RAILA ODINGA
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BY KENFREY KIBERENGE

For half a century, Raila Odinga, who died yesterday in India, has been Kenya's political north star—sometimes blazing, sometimes blinding.

To his admirers, he is the man who expanded the nation's democratic space, defied dictatorship and made dissent respectable.

But to his critics, he was the ageing reformer who stayed too long at the barricades, then quietly took a seat at the table he once vowed to overturn.

In August 2024, after Kenya's Gen Z rose in a digital-driven rebellion against high taxes and poor governance, many wondered which Raila they were seeing: the revolutionary or the reconciler?

Born of struggle, Raila's career was a long love affair with protest.

From the Nyayo House torture chambers during late President Daniel Moi's era to the "No" constitution campaign of 2005 and the resistance that followed the 2007, 2017 and 2022 elections, his defiance shaped the country's democratic culture.

He became the symbol of endurance—the man who could not be bought or silenced. Indeed, during the Gen Z protests, a demonstrator recorded herself urging the former premier to rest and leave it to the youth.

His presence at rallies electrified the masses and made the language of opposition part of everyday conversation.

Courage

For a generation raised on fear, Raila embodied courage.

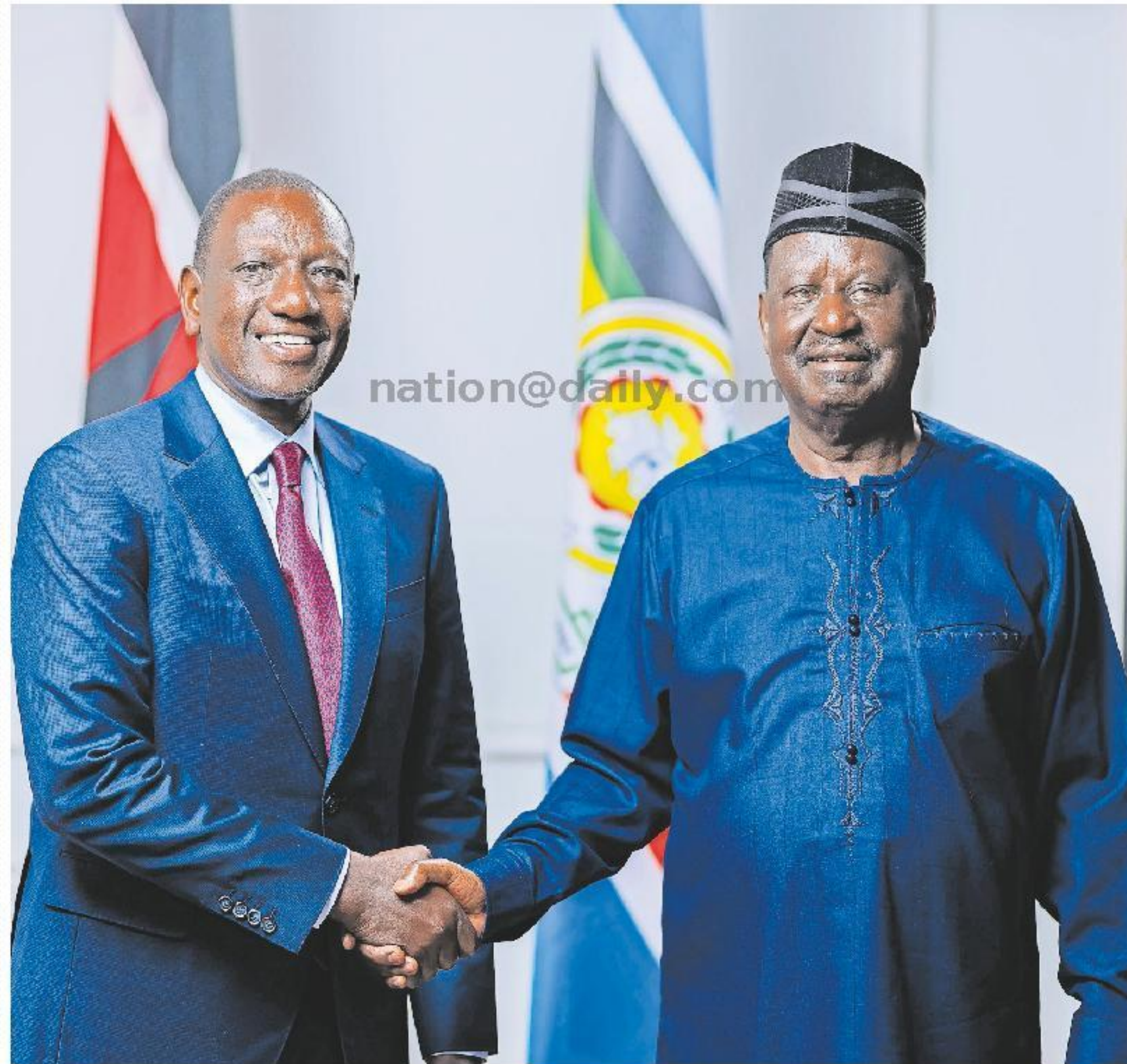
Former Imenti Central MP Gitobu Imanyara, who was detained alongside Raila during the Moi reign, says to walk with Raila was to walk with history.

"Not the history written in textbooks, but the one written in blood and courage. He has never asked to be anointed. He has never demanded sainthood. He has simply insisted on being heard. That insistence has changed the course of this country," he said in a tribute to Odinga.

"The 2010 Constitution, flawed as it may be in implementation, would not exist without the movement that Raila helped

Hero or villain? Raila's complicated legacy in fight for rights and democracy

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LEGACY

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Last year, as youthful protesters filled the streets demanding accountability, Mr Raila Odinga chose compromise, joining President William Ruto in crafting the "broad-based government arrangement". That is how Opiyo Wandayi (Energy), John Mbadi (National Treasury), Hassan Joho (Mining) and Wycliffe Oparanya (Cooperatives) joined the Cabinet. This move earned him both admiration and criticism. To admirers, he was a statesman who had helped bring the country from the edge. To critics, especially the youth, he had betrayed them and the cause he had fought for over the years.

to sustain. The political freedoms we now take for granted were once criminal acts. He lived through that transition, not as a spectator but as one of its main architects," added Mr Imanyara.

He went on: "I honour him not because he has been perfect, but because he has been present. In every critical moment of this country's democratic journey, Raila Odinga has shown up. He has stood with the forgotten. He has named the injustice. He has reminded us that this country is still in the making."

Others, however, offered a more detached assessment of his polit-

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Mr Gitobu Imanyara



President William Ruto and Raila Odinga at State House, Nairobi, when he was officially unveiled as Kenya's candidate for the chairperson of the African Union Commission. PHOTO | PCS

ical journey.

Political scientist Mutahi Ngunyi opined that Raila was a misunderstood statesman, adding that Kenyans did not take time to study him.

"I can only describe him as a statesman who was misunderstood by many people. People saw him only as a leader of the Luo nation. But Raila did not shuttle in and out of prison for a whole eight years...prison and detention, he did not do that for the Luo nation," he said.

Even so, August 2024 might have blotted his legacy—at least in the eyes of some.

As youthful protesters filled the streets demanding accountability, Raila chose compromise, joining President William Ruto in crafting the "broad-based government arrangement".

That is how Opiyo Wandayi (Energy), John Mbadi (National Treasury), Hassan Joho (Mining) and Wycliffe Oparanya (Cooperatives) joined the Cabinet.

The move was hailed by some—including the president and Raila himself—as statesmanship: a seasoned leader helping to steady a nation on the edge.

During the funeral of Mama Phoebe Asiyo in Wikondiek, Homa Bay County on August 8 this year, Raila defended his decision to work with the Kenya Kwanza administration.

"People who do not understand history talk carelessly. Arab Spring is an example of how a country can be if it becomes unstable. Some countries have military administration and we do not want to get there," Odinga said.

When he rose to speak after Raila, Dr Ruto showered the former prime minister with praise.

"You have a place in the history, progress and future of our nation. Your inspiration to leaders is something we are proud of. I am persuaded that Kenya is a great country and this will be based on your (Kenyans) commitments," he said.

Betrayal

Yet for some young Kenyans, the broad-based arrangement felt like betrayal. They saw not a peacemaker, but a power broker; not a father of democracy, but an ally of the establishment. The chants that once carried his name questioned his relevance.

Still, history rarely fits neatly into hero-or-villain boxes.

Mr Ngunyi, said that Raila decided to work with Dr Ruto for the sake of the country.

"Raila is the architect of the handshake doctrine. He believed that we fight, but the guy who wins has to shake the hand of the loser. Even on this, the broad-based government, he was the architect of it. And he was not doing it for—okay, there are personal gains that he got from this. However, he was also doing it for the country. This man was a true patriot," he said.

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RAILA ODINGA
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He was a relentless reformer who made democracy his life's work

For more than half a century, Raila stood at the centre of Kenya's struggle for justice, equality and constitutional reform. From the solitary cells of detention to the corridors of power, he embodied defiance, dialogue and endurance. His death closes a towering chapter in Kenya's democratic evolution

BY SAMWEL OWINO

Well known in political circles for championing human and constitutional rights, the late Raila Odinga will be remembered by the world as a pillar of major reforms in the country.

A towering political figure not only in Kenya but also across the globe, Mr Odinga, who died aged 80 in India yesterday morning, will be remembered for championing constitutional reforms, multiparty democracy, and social justice.

So passionate was Mr Odinga in his quest for democracy and constitutional reforms that during protests against the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, Mr Odinga remarked that he was ready to pay the ultimate price if that was what it took to achieve the much-needed changes at the electoral agency.

The legacy of the veteran opposition leader in his quest for a better Kenya is best remembered by his detention without trial during the one-party era of President Daniel arap Moi.

The Enigma, as he was commonly referred to by his staunch lieutenants, was recognised by Amnesty International as a Prisoner of Conscience in 1991 for his peaceful advocacy for multiparty democracy and constitutional reform.

In a statement, Amnesty International said Mr Odinga's activism and resilience contributed to the growth of human rights movements in Kenya and across the region.

"Throughout his four-decade political career, Mr Odinga continued to speak out for the marginalised and the oppressed. He played a pivotal role in Kenya's transition to multiparty democracy in the early 1990s and was instrumental in the promulgation of the 2010 Constitution, which enshrined key human rights protections and expanded civic freedoms," the lobby group said in its statement.

"Amnesty International honours Raila Odinga not only as a political leader but as a human rights defender whose sacrifices and vision helped shape Kenya's social justice landscape. His legacy will endure in the freedoms enjoyed by millions of Kenyans today. His legacy remains in Kenya's ongoing pursuit of justice, accountability, and human rights," the lobby added in its tribute to Mr Odinga.

Mr Odinga's role in the making of the 2010 Constitution cannot be ignored, as he was among the key figures at the forefront who delivered the new document.

The country's Constitution has been hailed as one of the best in the world, as it has enhanced the Bill of Rights, empowered the Judiciary, and entrenched devolution in the 47 county units of government that were created.

A staunch supporter of devolution,



Raila Odinga addressing his supporters at Kamukunji grounds in Kibra on November 28, 2017.



Raila Odinga during the launch of the Building Bridges to a United Kenya Taskforce Report at the Bomas of Kenya.

Mr Odinga has always championed reforms aimed at increasing funds to counties, a move that at times put him at loggerheads with both the national government and Parliament.

As Prime Minister from 2008 to 2013, Mr Odinga led efforts to heal a divided nation following the post-election violence of 2007-08. He contributed to national dialogue and reform efforts during a critical period in Kenya's history.

Even in opposition, he continued to champion electoral justice, institutional accountability, and inclusive governance.

During the commemoration of the promulgation of the 2010 Constitution on Katiba Day at KICC in August, Mr Odinga said the new Constitution was dear to his heart, however he explained that the current provincial administration should be removed to make room for modern systems.

"I believe the time has come to re-examine the entire model of devolution. For instance, Nigeria, with over 200 million people, has fewer states compared to the number of counties we have," Mr Odinga told a gathering at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre.

On the reforms in the management of the popular Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF), Mr Odinga often clashed with Members of Parliament as he argued that the fund should not be managed by lawmakers but by the devolved units.

According to Mr Odinga, MPs have no role in the management of the fund, and he constantly told them at any gathering that they should focus on their primary roles of representation, legislation, and oversight.

"We are not supposed to be funding projects through NG-CDF when we already have two levels of government: national and county. Parliament should focus on doing what it is constitutionally mandated to do, particularly oversight. If you are both an MP and a contractor, then who is truly carrying out the oversight role?" he posed.

Even after the handshake with President William Ruto, Mr Odinga never missed an opportunity to remind the government to respect human rights.

When President Ruto ordered security officers to shoot protesters in the leg, Mr Odinga came out strongly and condemned such a directive, saying young people must be allowed to exercise their democratic rights as enshrined in the Constitution.

But Mr Odinga's quest for a better society was not only confined to Kenya but also across the continent, where he participated in diplomatic efforts in many countries, mediating in conflicts such as those in South Sudan and Ivory Coast and engaging in initiatives under the auspices of the African Union during his tenure as the AU's High Representative for Infrastructure Development in Africa.

Anytime Mr Odinga got onto the podium to address Africa's Heads of State, he never missed an opportunity to challenge them to address issues of governance, weak institutions, and to remove unnecessary economic bottlenecks that have stifled the growth of the African continent.

As he rests while the country mourns, the question remains whether the political culture, norms, and fighting spirit that he inculcated in his remaining troops will continue his unquenched thirst for the expansion of democracy in the country.

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Raila Odinga



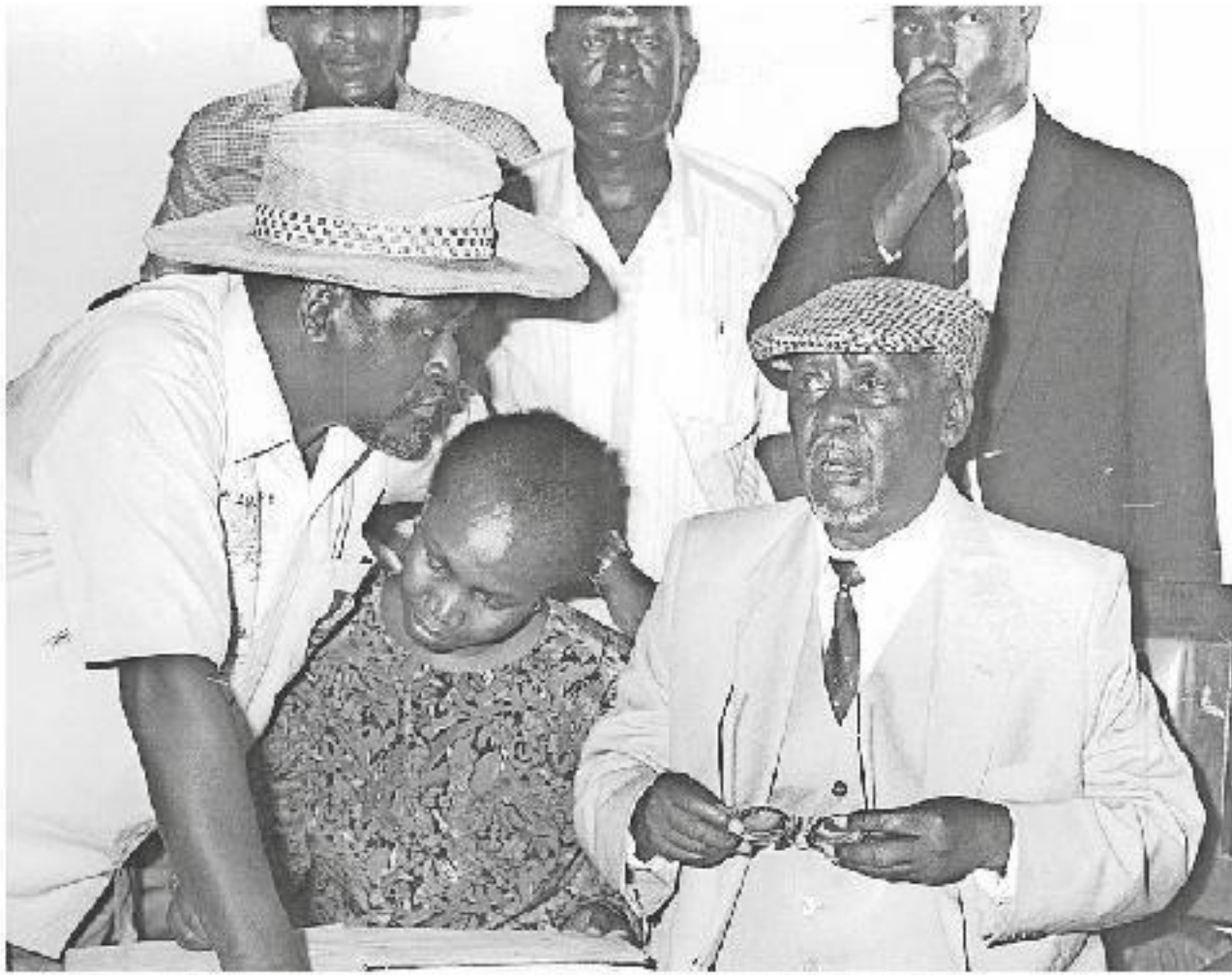
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The year Amnesty International recognised Raila Odinga as a Prisoner of Conscience for his peaceful advocacy for multiparty democracy and constitutional reform.



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Lang'ata MP Raila Odinga (left) confers with his father, Ford Kenya chairman Jaramogi Odinga and the DP Kibwezi MP Agnes Ndeti (centre) at the party's office in Mombasa for the Kisauni by-election campaign on December 18, 1993.



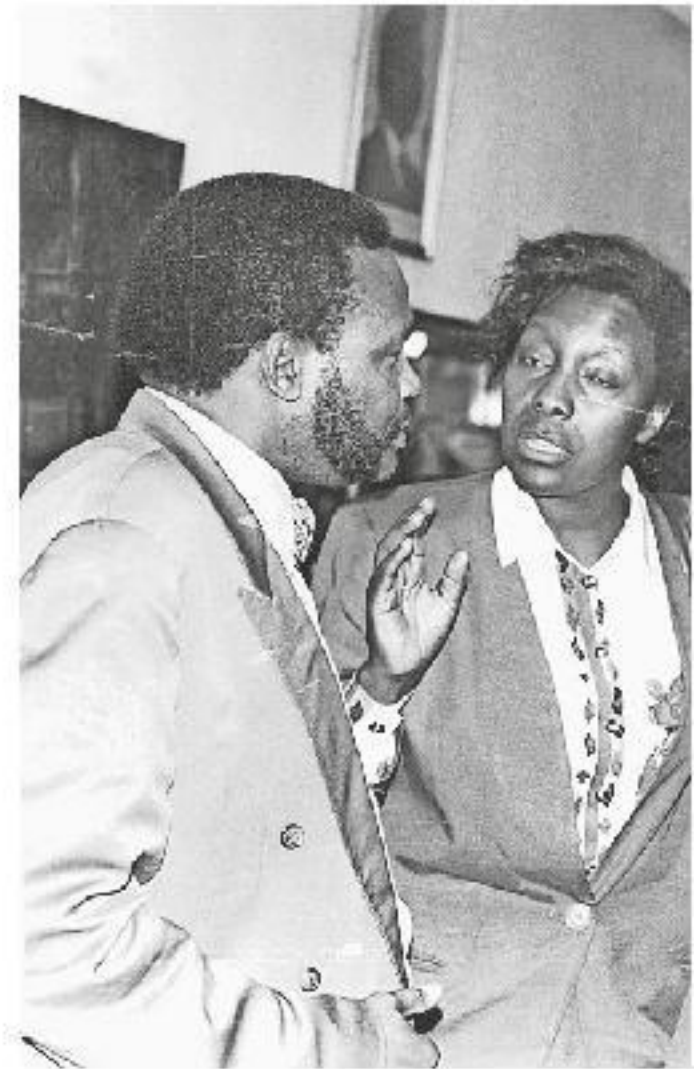
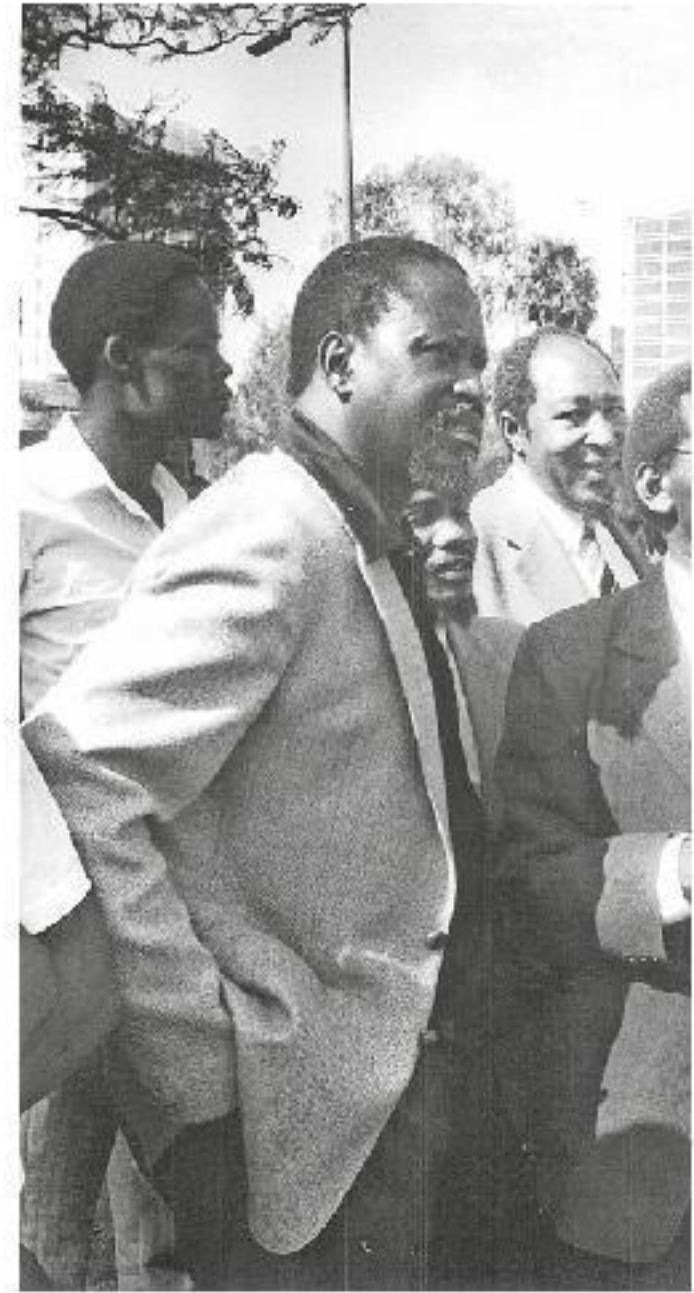
Lang'ata MP Raila Odinga (right) has a light moment with Attorney-General Amos Wako soon after the State opening of Parliament by President Daniel Moi.



From left: Molo MP Njenga Mungai (FORD Asili), Kiambu Ford Kenya chairman Nginyo Kariuki and Langata MP Raila Odinga (Ford Kenya) at a rally in Kendu Bay, Homa Bay District.



Lang'ata MP Raila Odinga addressing a Ford Kenya rally in Bondo where he and a former minister Peter Aringo announced the "Bondo Resolution", calling for the party's national chairman, Mr Michael Kijana Wamalwa, to resign over the Goldenberg scandal.



From left: Ngengi Muigai, Charity Ngilu, Raila Odinga and Nginyo Kariuki during an inter-parties meeting.



Sons of fallen heroes: Mr Jomo Kenyatta's son Ulu Jaramogi's funeral.



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Lang'ata MP Raila Odinga (centre) leaving a court after a hearing of the ongoing Goldenberg scandal case. Right is his lawyer Mr Otieno Kajwang'.



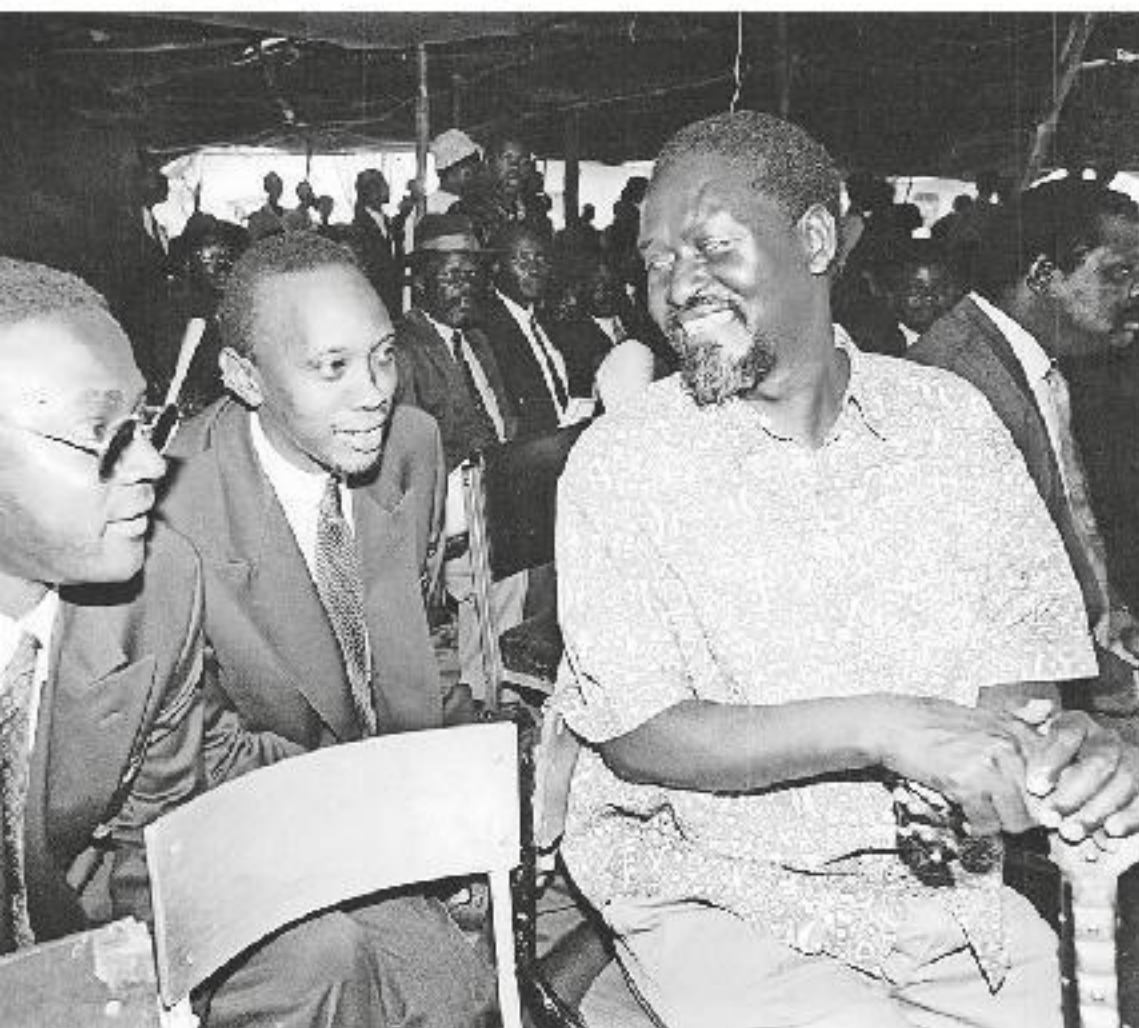
Chief Inspector Ikonya of the Nairobi Central Police Station explains to Raila Odinga (left) and other members and supporters of the Release Political Prisoners Pressure Group why they were not allowed to plant trees at Freedom Corner to commemorate Political Prisoners Day.



MPs Raila Odinga (Lang'ata) and James Orengo (Ugenya) at a rally in Awendo, Migori District.



Above: Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga (left) and ODM member William Ruto receive prayers from a group of pastors during a church service in Nairobi on January 13, 2008.



Jaramogi Oginga Odinga's son Raila Odinga (right) with the late President Jaramogi Kenyatta (centre) and Mr Peter Mboya, the son of the late Tom Mboya at



Raila Odinga and Energy Minister Chris Okemo arrive at Ugunja for a fundraising.



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Leadership He was never one for titles, yet he carried the authority of one who had held them all, and was accommodated by

Presidents, other leaders broke pro

Whether by choice or circumstance, Raila Odinga's appearances at national events often shifted the rhythm of the ceremony—a reflection of his towering political stature and the reverence he commanded even outside government

BY STEVE OTIENO

Kenya is mourning the death of former Prime Minister Raila Amollo Odinga, a man whose influence transcended politic, and whose presence often bent even the strictest rules of State protocol.

Over his long and storied political career, Raila was rarely a man to follow convention. Whether by choice or circumstance, his appearances at national events often shifted the rhythm of the ceremony—a reflection of his towering political stature and the reverence he commanded even outside government. From national holidays to State House meetings, “Baba” would sometimes speak when protocol dictated silence, or arrive when order required he stays back.

As the country comes to terms with his passing, here are seven memorable moments when Raila defied protocol—and, in doing so, etched himself deeper into the nation's political story.

1. Kenyatta Day, 2008, Nairobi

Barely six months into his appointment as Prime Minister, Raila delivered an address during the Kenyatta Day celebrations at the Nyayo National Stadium, a protocol anomaly as such keynote speeches had in the past been limited to only the president.

2. Wangari Maathai State funeral, 2011, Nairobi

Unlike in the past when the president would read a eulogy on behalf of the gov-

ernment at State funerals, Mwai Kibaki accommodated Raila at the interment ceremony of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai on October 8, 2011. Kibaki and Raila, the two principals of the newly formed Grand Coalition Government, both eulogised Maathai.

3. Madaraka Day, 2021, Kisumu

During the 58th Madaraka Day celebrations in Kisumu in 2021, then President Uhuru Kenyatta openly broke state protocol to invite Raila to address the crowd before him.

As per custom, Deputy President William Ruto had given his remarks and was expected to invite the president to speak. But Mr Kenyatta, addressing a jubilant audience at the newly-built Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium, made an unplanned announcement.

“You will forgive me,” he said, “but let me break protocol today to invite my brother, Raila Odinga, Jakom, to say hi to you and to deliver his Madaraka Day sentiments. Welcome, my brother.”

The crowd erupted in applause. Raila, who held no formal government position at the time, used the platform to champion the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), the hallmark of his collaboration with Mr Kenyatta.

“We must remain united and support BBI, which will bring unprecedented development and enhance unity in the country,” he said, before inviting the president back to the podium—a symbolic reversal of power that captured his influence in the Uhuru Kenyatta era.



President Mwai Kibaki and ODM leader Raila Odinga sign an agreement to end Kenya's post-election political crisis. Under the deal, the leaders agreed to form a coalition government, with Mr Odinga set to become independent Kenya's second prime minister.

4. Jamhuri Day, 2021, Nairobi

Six months later, during the Jamhuri Day celebrations at Uhuru Gardens, then President Kenyatta again defied protocol to invite Raila to speak after his own address.

“I would wish to identify one person who walked with me and advised me during the refurbishment of this Uhuru Gardens,” Mr Kenyatta said. “The man Raila Odinga has been key through his advice. And as I can see these Kenyans want you to address them, please come and say something.”

Raila stepped up to rapturous applause, using the moment to remind Kenyans of their independence history.

“This land had been grabbed, but those land grabbers never see open space without grabbing it. You [Uhuru] managed to retrieve it back for the benefit of our people,” he said, praising the site's transformation into a living monument of freedom.

It was one of the few times in Kenya's history that an opposition leader had been publicly invited to speak at a national holiday celebration, a mark of Rai-

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Raila Odinga on Jamhuri Day in 2021



Prime Minister Raila Odinga addressing the country at Nyayo National Stadium during Mashujaa Day celebrations on October 20, 2012.



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both local and international leaders

Protocol for Raila



la's enduring symbolic power.

5. Mashujaa Day, 2019, Mombasa

Two years earlier, at the Mashujaa Day celebrations in Mombasa, Governor Hassan Joho orchestrated a protocol rebellion of his own.

According to the official programme, Mr Joho was to invite Deputy President William Ruto, who would then introduce President Kenyatta. But sensing the charged mood, and perhaps to avoid sidelining his party leader, Joho called Raila to the podium first. It was a small but significant break in protocol. Raila delivered a short address that calmed the crowd and struck a conciliatory tone.

Joho later explained: "Raila Odinga told me, kijana wangu, this country is greater than all of us, and today I want to thank you, my father, for that very important advice."

It was yet another moment that blurred the lines between opposition and government, and a testament to Raila's ability to command respect across divides.

6. Africa Climate Summit, Nairobi, September 9, 2023

At the Africa Climate Summit in Nairo-

bi, Raila once again became the centre of a protocol storm. Then Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua later claimed that Raila had attempted to sit among heads of state at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC).

"He wanted to sit where presidents were seated, even though he is not an elected leader," Mr Gachagua said later at a funeral in Kericho.

ODM officials countered that the African Union and United Nations had insisted Raila attends due to his continental stature. "Baba," they said, had earned a place at the table of leaders—whether State House liked it or not.

Despite the behind-the-scenes drama, Raila eventually sat a few rows behind the dignitary section, beside Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, a quiet reminder that influence is not always measured by where one sits.

7. State House, Mombasa, February 24, 2025

In what would be one of his final major public appearances, Raila attended a meeting at State House, Mombasa, shortly after returning from his unsuccessful African Union Commission chairmanship bid.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki spoke first, then invited the former premier to make his remarks before President Ruto, a clear break from protocol.

Raila took the opportunity to clarify the controversy surrounding the government's support for his AU campaign.

"I have seen billions being quoted. Someone is talking about Sh13 billion spent on Raila's campaigns. I do not know which world those guys live in," he said. "The government gave what was required, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs was available 24-7."

He hinted at his next move with prophetic poise:

"I am available to help the continent of Africa but more importantly, I am also available for Kenya. I will consult widely and announce the way forward shortly. Watch this space."

Weeks later, that space would be empty, and now, forever so.

Whether by design or destiny, Raila Odinga's life blurred the boundaries between power and protocol. Presidents broke tradition to let him speak; governors rewrote programmes to fit him in; and even the most rigid State officers often yielded to the sheer weight of his symbolism.

He was never one for titles, yet he carried the authority of one who had held them all.

In his passing, Kenya has lost not just an opposition leader, but a man who shaped its democracy, tempered its storms and time and again reminded it that leadership was not about rank, but about relevance.

As Kenyans pour into the streets in mourning, one thing is clear: even in death, Raila remains a statesman above titles, a man who lived and left on his own terms.

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Commitment He fought because the fight chose him

'To walk with Raila was to walk with history, written in courage'

BY GITOBU IMANYARA

Some lives speak for themselves. They do not ask to be celebrated. They are lived out loud, with conviction and cost, shaped by purpose and defined by endurance. The life of Raila Amolo Odinga is one of these. For those of us who have walked beside him, not in ceremony but in resistance, his journey is one we carry not only in memory but in bone.

I first met Raila not across a political table or in the comfort of a public rally, but in the bitter silence of Kamiti Maximum Security Prison. We were not guests there. We were detainees held without trial by a regime that feared ideas more than it feared crime. I had already encountered his father, the late Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, years before. Jaramogi was a towering figure in our early political life, a man who had tasted betrayal but still held fast to principle. In our conversations, he struck me as someone who had seen the arc of history bend in painful directions but still believed it could be pulled towards justice.

In Raila, I saw that same belief, hardened by experience and softened by wisdom. In prison, he did not rant. He did not complain. He carried the weight of injustice with quiet strength. We spoke in hushed tones, exchanging thoughts on what Kenya could become. He was deliberate, measured, always anchored in the hope that what we were enduring would one day make sense to a freer generation.

When he walked out of detention, he did not ask for pity or reward. He returned to the struggle. Again and again, he entered the arena, not because he enjoyed the fight, but because the fight had chosen him.

I have watched Raila be cheated, detained, maligned and misunderstood. What I have never seen is a man tempted to surrender. His commitment has always been to something far greater than personal gain. He has remained faithful to the idea that Kenya belongs not to those who have captured the State, but to those who continue to demand that it serves its people.

In the years after our imprisonment, we worked together during the height of the second liberation movement. We helped organise protests. We spoke out in courtrooms and gatherings. We wrote and published when publishing was an act of resistance. We watched our comrades disappear, some into exile, others into graves. The cost was high. But Raila never flinched. He had become, for many, a living symbol of the Republic's unrealised promise.

We did not always agree. That is the nature of true comradeship. It allows room for difference without betrayal. What bound us was something deeper than strategy. It was the understanding that silence in the face of injustice was never an option.

Raila has been many things in the public eye. To me, he has always been a constant. A man who kept returning to the people, even when the people were too weary to hope. His power lied not in political theatrics, but in moral stamina. He was not driven by ambition alone. He was sustained by memory. He remembered the detainees who never came home. He spoke their names when the country would have preferred to forget them. He



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held this collective memory as a kind of moral inheritance.

What few saw was the personal cost. The missed years with family. The endless betrayals from allies turned adversaries. The loneliness that came with being the conscience of a nation that often preferred convenience over truth. Yet he carried these burdens without bitterness. He continued to laugh, to listen, to hope.

To walk with Raila was to walk with history. Not the history written in textbooks, but the one written in blood and courage. He never asked to be anointed. He never demanded sainthood. He simply insisted on being heard. That insistence has changed the course of this country.

The 2010 Constitution, flawed as it may be in implementation, would not exist without the movement that Raila helped to sustain. The political freedoms we now take for granted were once criminal acts. He lived through that transition, not as a spectator but as one of its main architects.

I honour him not because he has been perfect, but because he has been present. In every critical moment of this country's democratic journey, Raila Odinga has shown up. He has stood with the forgotten. He has named the injustice. He has reminded us that this country is still in the making.

Kenya has not always been kind to its dreamers. But it owes them everything. Raila is one of those dreamers. And I am proud to have stood beside him, then and now.



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Petition: Even though Odinga's challenge was dismissed for lack of evidence, the court led by Chief Justice Martha Koon

Court battles that reshaped Kenya

Raila Odinga's relentless legal challenges against presidential election results in 2013, 2017, and 2022 transformed Kenya's electoral landscape. Each case peeled back the layers of a fragile democracy exposing systemic flaws, testing judicial independence and compelling reforms

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

Though all the presidential election petitions filed by former Prime Minister Raila Odinga—in 2013, 2017, and 2022—were ultimately dismissed by the Supreme Court, their legal and institutional impact has been profound.

Each case exposed systemic weaknesses in Kenya's electoral process, forcing judicial, legislative, and technological reforms that continue to shape how elections are conducted today.

From clarifying vote-counting procedures to reinforcing judicial independence and mandating transparency in results transmission, Odinga's petitions have left an indelible mark on Kenya's democracy.

The petitions transformed Kenya's electoral system by exposing flaws and compelling reforms. Their legacy endures in stronger institutions, clearer laws, and a more engaged electorate cornerstones of a functioning democracy.

This article examines how each case drove critical changes, setting new standards for electoral integrity.

2013 petition: Setting precedents on vote counting

The 2013 petition marked Kenya's first presidential election dispute under the 2010 Constitution. Odinga challenged Uhuru Kenyatta's victory, alleging widespread irregularities backed by an 839-page affidavit from the opposition outfit Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD).

Though the Supreme Court dismissed the case unanimously, its ruling established key legal principles.

The court ruled that spoiled or rejected ballots should not factor into the 50 per cent +1 threshold calculation.

IEBC should ensure that the servers supporting the elections and those serving their internal administrative work are distinct and separate

Supreme Court

tion, correcting IEBC's initial inclusion of rejected votes in tallies.

"The rejected vote is void. Why should such a ballot paper... be made the basis of computing percentage accumulations?" —Supreme Court, 2013, led by Chief Justice (retired) Willy Mutunga stated.

The verdict emphasised procedural fairness over numerical outcomes, setting a template for future petitions.

The dispute centered on IEBC's announcement that Mr Kenyatta was the winner with 6,173,433 votes out of a total of 12,338,667 (50.07 per cent of all votes cast), while Odinga had received 5,340,546 votes (43.31 per cent of the votes cast).

"The rejected vote is void. Why should such a vote, or ballot paper which is incapable of conferring upon any candidate a numerical advantage, be made the basis of computing percentage accumulations of votes, so as to ascertain that one or the other candidate attained the threshold of 50 per cent + 1," asked the Supreme court in the judgment.

The 2013 petition helped refine the legal strategy for future challenges, focusing on systemic failures of the electoral process rather than just numerical tallies.

2017 petition: A landmark nullification and electoral reforms

The 2017 case became Africa's first Supreme Court-ordered presidential election nullification. Odinga alongside other petitioners contested Mr Kenyatta's win, citing hacking of IEBC servers and irregularities in Forms 34A/34B. The court's nullification triggered sweeping reforms.

This is arguably the most significant outcome of Odinga's efforts to entrenched electoral reforms in the country.

The judgment highlighted judicial independence from the Executive, as the Supreme Court's majority decision to overturn a presidential election was a historic moment for Kenya and the continent.

In the judgment, the court emphasised the voting process over the outcome. In that nullified election Odinga garnered 6,762,224 votes, 44.74 per cent per cent while Mr Kenyatta garnered 8,203,290 votes being 54.27 per cent of the votes cast.

The court emphasised that the integrity of the electoral process was paramount, stating that the IEBC's breaches of the law had rendered the results invalid, regardless of the final



numbers.

A key recommendation from the court led by retired Chief Justice David Maraga was that the constitutional timeline, within which to hear and determine a presidential election, should be extended.

The court underscored the need to extend the 14-day limit, for purposes of efficient case management by the court, and also, to afford the parties sufficient time to ventilate their cases. We hereby make a similar recom-

mendation.

Further, the judgment put the IEBC's technological systems under intense scrutiny. The court's order to audit the IEBC's servers revealed non-compliance by the commission.

The court decisions prompted significant reforms and changes in electoral conduct. The 2017 petition underscored the legal importance of the paper-based Form 34A (polling station results) as the final and verifiable source of truth, addressing issues with electronic transmission and display.

The rulings triggered a contentious period of political and legislative reform, with various factions proposing legislative changes.

The Jubilee Party-controlled Parliament passed the Election Laws (Amendment) Act of 2017, introducing several key changes, including reducing the IEBC quorum from five to three members.

The legal amendment also defined the term "chairperson" to include a vice-chairperson or member acting in that capacity. This allowed the commission to operate despite resignations triggered by the controversy.

The amendments removed the requirement for electronic transmission of presidential results from polling stations and legally mandated the

manual transmission of physical results forms. This was a reversal of the push for a more transparent electronic system.

The IEBC also undertook several operational changes, including adoption of an enhanced Kenya Integrated Electoral Management System (Kiems) for the repeat election in October 2017. The Kiems integrated voter registration, identification, and results transmission.

The Supreme Court's finding prompted increased pressure on the IEBC to improve the transparency of its operations, particularly regarding the transmission of verifiable results and public access to election forms.

2022 petition: Institutional overhaul recommendations

In 2022, Odinga and 17 other petitioners challenged the election of President William Ruto, alleging that the technology used by IEBC during the 2022 General Election fell short of the prescribed constitutional and statutory standards.

In that election Mr Ruto was declared winner with 7,176,141 votes (50.49% of presidential votes cast) and Odinga as the runner's up with 6,942,930 votes (48.85% of presidential votes cast).

Even though Odinga's challenge

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The number of votes that Uhuru Kenyatta received, according to IEBC during the 2013 election petition.

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He issued seven critical IEBC reform recommendations

Kenya's democracy



National Super Alliance (Nasa) leaders Raila Odinga and Kalonzo Musyoka deliver a petition challenging the re-election of President Uhuru Kenyatta to the Supreme Court on August 19, 2017.

was dismissed for lack of evidence, the court led by Chief Justice Martha Koome issued seven critical IEBC reform recommendations touching on election technology, statutory Forms and corporate governance of IEBC.

On corporate governance issues, the Supreme Court urged Parliament to consider enhancing the statutory and regulatory framework on the separate policy and administrative remit of IEBC.

The second recommendation was that IEBC ought to effect formal internal guidelines that clearly delineate the policy, strategy, and oversight responsibility of the Chairperson and the Commissioners. The commission was also advised to develop institutionalized guidelines on how to manage the separation of administrative and policy domains.

"The roles of the Chairperson, Commissioners, and the Chief Executive Officer, other staff and third parties should be clearly set out in both the legislative and administrative edicts," said the judges.

On election technology, the court stated that to avoid suspicion from stakeholders, unless where and when it is absolutely necessary, access to the servers supporting the transmission and storage of Forms 34A, 34B and 34C should be restricted to IEBC staff

during the election period.

"IEBC should ensure that the servers supporting the elections and those serving their internal administrative work are distinct and separate. This would then allow the Court, should the need arise, to carry out forensic imaging of the same without compromising and/or infringing any third-party agreements," it held.

Regarding statutory Forms, the court said IEBC may consider simplifying and restructuring the Form 34A and include a column that accounts for stray ballots.

In addition, the court said IEBC may consider having only one section for total valid votes.

"The independent body may also find it prudent to thoroughly train its Returning Officers as to what constitutes valid votes per this Court's decision," said the court, adding that IEBC ought to put in place specific mechanisms to allow for special voting as contemplated under regulation 90 of the Elections (General) Regulations 2012.

"It is clear to us that there are legal, policy and institutional reforms that are urgently required to address the glaring shortcomings within IEBC," the court concluded.

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Grief: Youths took to the streets chanting

He was our hero and king, residents say as ODM leader's death plunges Nyanza into grief

BY NATION TEAM

For the residents, supporters and relatives of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, news of his death has hit hard – coming just days after the family and close allies had assured them of his good health.

From Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay, Migori, Kakamega, and Kisii counties, crowds poured onto the streets carrying twigs, blaring horns, and riding motorcycles, tuk-tuks, and motor vehicles as they mourned Mr Odinga.

Mr Odinga's death plunged his home county of Siaya into deep mourning. Youths took to the streets chanting slogans in praise of the late former prime minister. The sombre mood drew members of the public to his Opoda home in Bondo, Siaya County.

Carrying tree branches and chanting dirges traditionally reserved for leaders, elderly men moved around the homestead weeping in pain. Youths marched along the Bondo-Kisumu highway, blocking the road and causing a traffic snarl-up.

Shouts of *Ng'ou olwar jokamaa* – loosely translated as "the fig tree has fallen" – filled the air at the late Premier's home.

"This pain is too much. Why did death choose this time to rob us of our gallant son?" lamented John Odira, an elder from Sakwa, Mr Odinga's clan.

He added: "This news has broken us; the pain is unbearable in this part of the country. He was our hero and our king."

Only last week, while addressing the media at Akoko Mixed Secondary School, Siaya Senator and Mr Odinga's brother had said the former Premier was recuperating in hospital after a routine medical check-up. Residents of Siaya therefore woke up to the shocking news of his demise.

The same gloomy mood engulfed Kisumu.

"We are at a crossroads," was the collective cry from Kisumu residents who flooded the streets. By 10:30 a.m., most shops had closed as the city descended into mourning. Across Kisumu, thousands – young and old – abandoned their daily routines, waving twigs, Kenyan flags, and handkerchiefs as they grieved the man many fondly called Baba.

"How can we even comprehend the passing of Raila?" asked John Otieno, a local resident. "As a nation, we are at a crossroads. We're not sure whether we'll continue to enjoy the freedoms and justice he fought for, especially in the current political climate."

Another mourner, Rosemary Adhiambo, struggled to hold back tears.

"Kenyan politics was defined by Raila himself," she said. "His shoes are too big to fill at the moment. I can't see anyone who can take his place."

The Luo Council of Elders called on the four governors from the Nyanza region to lead the community in mourning peacefully.

Led by Ker Odungi Randa, the elders urged unity among political leaders.

"I am asking our governors – James Orenge, Prof Anyang' Nyong'o, Gladys Wanga, and Ochilo Ayacko – to stand with our people. We want peace," said Ker Randa.

Elder Randa recalled the strong bond he shared with the late Odinga since their days in detention.

"Today I am saddened. When Jaramogi Odinga died, I didn't cry, but today, when Raila Odinga has died, I have shed tears," said Ker Randa during an interview at Ofafa Memorial Hall.

In Homa Bay Town, residents turned to Luo traditions to mourn the ODM leader. Thousands marched through the streets singing traditional mourning songs. Some led cattle at the front of the procession—a symbolic act known as Tero Buru, performed to honour prominent personalities.

Other artefacts carried in the march included spears, symbolising defence and confrontation—in this case, directed at death itself.

As in Kisumu, many residents closed their business premises for fear of looting.

Homa Bay County Assembly Speaker Polycarp Okombo led MCAs and other lead-

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John Odira



ers in mourning the ODM leader. The legislators adjourned normal proceedings following the news of Mr Odinga's death.

"We will remember Raila as a man who fought for democracy. How I wish he could have lived to see Canaan – elected as President," said the Speaker.

In Kisii, hundreds of youths thronged Kisii Town to mourn Mr Odinga's passing on Wednesday. Many of them, students from Kisii National Polytechnic, walked out of examination rooms to join the procession. They marched through the streets carrying twigs and singing praises to the former Premier.

Hellen Nyamweya, a mourner, described Odinga's death as devastating.

"He was a great national hero whom all of us will miss," she said.

Some politicians suspended their activities in respect of Mr Odinga. Malava parliamentary hopeful Seth Panyako announced a seven-day suspension of his campaigns to mourn the ODM leader.

Members of Parliament from the Western region also joined the rest of the country in mourning the passing of Mr Odinga.

Report by Rushdie Oudia, Kassim Adinasi, Elizabeth Ojina, Wycliffe Nyaberi, Gloria Valerie, Shaban Makokha and George Odiwuor



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Life of a man known to many as the Enigma of Kenyan politics

He was derided by some when he merged his National Development Party with the ruling Kanu in early 2002 but praised when he rebelled against president Moi and contributed to the fall of Kanu from power after 40 years.

BY JUSTUS OCHIENG

For more than four decades, Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) boss and former Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga was a constant in Kenya's politics.

In him, loyalists saw a man whose life intertwined with the nation's struggles for democracy, justice and inclusion. Odinga's name, they say, was synonymous with resistance, resilience and reform.

His journey – marked by exile, detention without trial for almost a decade, power, betrayal and redemption – defined the shape and spirit of post-independence politics.

Born in Maseno on January 7, 1945, Odinga was the son of Kenya's first vice-president, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, an architect of the independence struggle.

Educated at Maranda High School and East Germany, where he studied mechanical engineering, Mr Odinga returned home in the early 1970s to teach at the University of Nairobi.

He soon discovered his calling was not confined to classrooms or factories. It lay in confronting a political system that stifled freedom.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, president Daniel arap Moi's regime had become synonymous with repression. The Odinga family was marked, and Raila Odinga's involvement in underground movements pushed him into the crosshairs of state security.

After the attempted coup in August 1982, Odinga was arrested and detained without trial for six years. He would later claim that he was accused of involvement because of his association with pro-reform activists and his father's political stance.

For many Kenyans, Odinga's name became shorthand for courage. For the state, it was a threat.

Odinga was freed in 1988 but would be arrested two years later for supporting the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy (Ford) – a movement that demanded multiparty democracy.

When Kenya reintroduced multiparty politics in 1991, Odinga would emerge as one of the faces of change, standing beside his father in Ford. But as with many liberation movements, unity proved elusive.

After Jaramogi's death in 1994, Odinga inherited his father's political mantle and the divisions that came with it.

In 1997, he made his stint for the presi-

dency on the National Development Party (NDP) ticket, finishing third behind President Moi and Democratic Party leader Mwai Kibaki.

He garnered 667,886 votes (10.79 per cent) against Kibaki's 1,911,742 (30.89 per cent) and Mr Moi's 2,500,865 or 40.40 per cent.

That contest cemented him as a national figure and revealed a politician capable of transcending regional boundaries.

Then came one of his most audacious moves: joining hands with Moi, the man who had him detained.

In 2001, Odinga merged NDP with ruling Kanu and was made Energy minister. Many viewed the move as betrayal, but he described it as strategic and an attempt to reform Kanu from within.

When Moi anointed Uhuru Kenyatta as his successor in 2002, however, Odinga rebelled. He walked out with disillusioned Kanu stalwarts to form the Rainbow Alliance Coalition which joined opposition leaders Kibaki, Kijana Wamalwa and Charity Ngilu to form the National Rainbow Coalition (Narc) that swept Mwai Kibaki to power.

Odinga's role in the Narc victory was decisive. He mobilised grassroots support, united opposition groups and turned the "Kibaki Tosha" declaration into a national rallying cry.

But soon after, the honeymoon soured. Rows over power-sharing, constitutional reforms and patronage left him feeling betrayed. He accused Kibaki's inner circle of sidelining him and reneging on the deal that had guided their coalition.

His 2022 presidential running mate, Martha Karua, recalled during a recent interview how Odinga was locked out of State House.

The People's Liberation Party leader said she made a frantic call to Mr Moody Awori, a senior figure in Narc.

Ms Karua said she was worried that a power struggle was unfolding away from the eyes of Kenyans, who were still ecstatic mood after Narc ousted the authoritarian Kanu from power.

A disagreement between president Kibaki and Odinga over the formation of the cabinet, as agreed before the elections, dampened the celebrations days after the December 2002 poll victory.

"Right from day one, on the appointment of cabinet, there was a disagreement between Raila and Kibaki," Ms Karua, who had a front-row seat to the unfolding power play in the new administration, said.

Yesterday, she recalled Odinga bear-

ing immense personal sacrifice, spending years behind bars and away from his loved ones in pursuit of freedom for Kenyans.

"Raila's illustrious career, spanning decades, towers like a colossus across Kenya and Africa. His life was a testament to courage, endurance and an unwavering commitment to the liberation and transformation of our nation. Few lives have been so fully devoted to the cause of justice and democracy," she said.

By 2005, Odinga had reinvented himself – leading the "No" campaign in the constitutional referendum, symbolised by the orange that later birthed his Orange Democratic Movement (ODM).

The referendum outcome – a government defeat – made Odinga the de facto opposition leader once more.

The 2007 General Election was perhaps the most defining and traumatic moment of Odinga's political career.

Running against President Kibaki, Odinga's ODM appeared to be cruising to victory. But when the Electoral Commission abruptly declared Kibaki the winner, violence erupted nationwide. More than 1,000 people were killed, and hundreds of thousands displaced.

It was the darkest chapter in Kenya's post-independence history – forcing the country to confront its ethnic and political fractures.

International mediation led by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan led to the Grand Coalition Government, with Kibaki as President and Odinga as PM.

For the first time, Kenya had two centres of power – an uneasy marriage that stabilized and strained governance.

The partnership was marked by achievement and tension. Odinga was credited with reforms in infrastructure, civil service and anti-corruption efforts. Yet he often clashed with Kibaki's allies, particularly over Cabinet decisions and appointments.

At one government retreat in Mombasa, frustration boiled over – the "Nusu Mkeka" moment – when he protested alleged mistreatment despite being PM.

When the coalition ended in 2013, Odinga once again took his battle to the ballot.

The new Constitution had redefined Kenya's political landscape, introducing devolution and an independent electoral agency. Odinga ran under the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD), against Uhuru Kenyatta and William Ruto, who had formed the Jubilee Alliance.

The election was close, but the Supreme Court upheld Mr Kenyatta's win.



Supporters of Raila Odinga mourn him on Ngong Road, Nairobi, yesterday.
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Odinga accepted the verdict but his supporters were convinced he had been robbed. The "stolen victory" theme would haunt his subsequent campaigns.

Yesterday, Mr Kenyatta recalled their journey from "fierce political opponents to partners in the pursuit of unity".

"He was a formidable opponent, but he was an even more invaluable ally in the cause of reconciliation," the former president said.

He described Odinga as a "patriot driven by an unshakable belief in justice and peace".

Like in 2013, history repeated itself in 2017.

Odinga, then leading the National Super Alliance (Nasa), challenged Kenyatta again.

The election was annulled by the Supreme Court due to irregularities – a landmark ruling in Africa.

But with the repeat election called without major reforms, Odinga and Nasa boycotted, claiming it was predetermined.

Then came another of his bold moves – the January 30, 2018 swearing-in at Uhuru Park in Nairobi as the "People's President".

The event shocked the establishment and thrilled his support base. It marked the peak of defiance but also a turning point.

In March 2018, he stunned the country by shaking hands with President Kenyatta on the steps of Harambee House.

The Handshake ended years of hostility between the two and ushered in a period of relative political calm.

It led to the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), a reform agenda meant to heal divisions in Kenya, according to its proponents.

Critics, however, accused the process of entrenching elite power-sharing and undermining democracy. When BBI collapsed at the courts, Odinga's alliance with Kenyatta began to wane.

Still, the Handshake redefined his image – from a street protester to a statesman working across the aisle.

It also set the stage for his final presidential bid in 2022 under the Azimio la

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When Raila Odinga first contested the presidency



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Leaders pay tribute to fallen statesman Raila Odinga



Umoja One Kenya coalition, supported by the government.

When the results were announced, Dr Ruto – Odinga's former ally-turned-rival – was declared winner.

Dr Ruto secured 7,176,141 votes (50.49 per cent) against Odinga's 6,942,930 (48.85 per cent) in the results announced by Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) chairman Wafu-la Chebukati.

Odinga once again disputed the outcome but accepted the Supreme Court ruling that upheld the victory of Dr Ruto and his Kenya Kwanza coalition.

Many thought that would mark his retirement from politics.

Odinga refused to fade. He continued to lead protests against what he termed as an illegitimate government and economic injustice.

By 2023, he had re-emerged as a continental figure – endorsed by Kenya and the East African region for the African Union Commission chairmanship, signalling a shift from domestic politics to diplomacy.

"Raila Odinga's story was not just political; it was generational. He represented continuity in Kenya's unfinished struggle for justice. To his admirers, he was the conscience of the nation – a man who fought for democracy at great personal cost. To his critics, he was an eternal agitator who thrived on populism and grievances," said Mr Chris Omore, an advocate.

Yet few could dispute Odinga's influence. The ODM leader-built movements and inspired loyalty across ethnic lines.

His political resilience, ability to reinvent himself and his unyielding charisma made him a fixture in Kenyan life.

His allies say he never became president, but he often acted like one – setting the agenda for the country, defining debates and forcing reforms that others later claimed credit for.

His story is one of sacrifice and unfinished business; of a man who came close to power, yet whose real power lay in moving the nation's conscience.



Narendra Modi – Prime Minister of India:

"Deeply saddened by the passing of my dear friend and former Prime Minister of Kenya, Mr Raila Odinga. He was a towering statesman and a cherished friend of India. I had the privilege of knowing him closely since my days as Chief Minister of Gujarat..."



Abiy Ahmed Ali – Prime Minister of Ethiopia:

"On behalf of the Government of Ethiopia, I extend my sincere condolences on the passing of former Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga. May he Rest in Peace."



Samia Suluhu Hassan – President of the United Republic of Tanzania:

"Nimepokea kwa masikitiko makubwa taarifa ya kifo cha Mheshimiwa Raila Amolo Odinga. Tumempoteza kiongozi mahiri, Mwanamajumui wa Afrika, mpenda amani na mtafuta suluhu, ambaye ushawishi na upendo..."



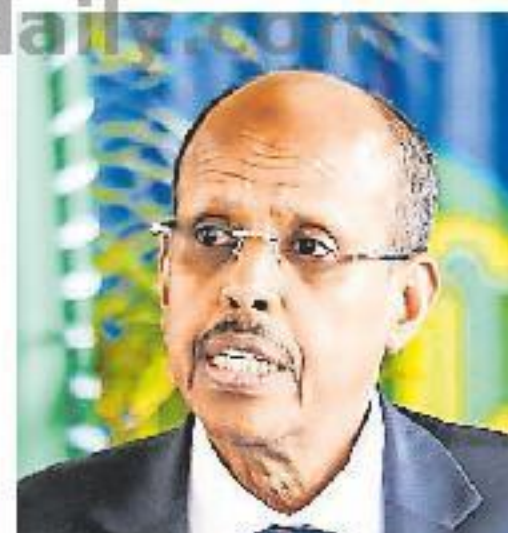
Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi (Irro) – President of the Republic of Somaliland:

"The President of the Republic of Somaliland extends his deepest condolences to the family, government, and people of the Republic of Kenya on the passing of former Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga."



Hakainde Hichilema – President of Zambia:

"Saddened to hear of the passing of former PM Raila Odinga. We extend our deepest condolences to the people of Kenya, the Odinga family, President William Ruto and all those touched by this towering advocate for democracy. His legacy will endure. May he rest in eternal peace."



Mahmoud Ali Youssouf – Chairperson, African Union Commission (AUC):

"Raila Odinga was a towering figure in Kenya's political life and a champion of democracy, good governance and people-centered development. His commitment to justice, pluralism, and democratic reform left an indelible mark."



Moussa Faki Mahamat – Former Chairperson, AU Commission:

"It is with deep sorrow that I learned of the passing of Hon Raila Odinga, former Prime Minister of Kenya and Pan-African statesman. A fearless leader, Raila Odinga shaped the political trajectory of his country."



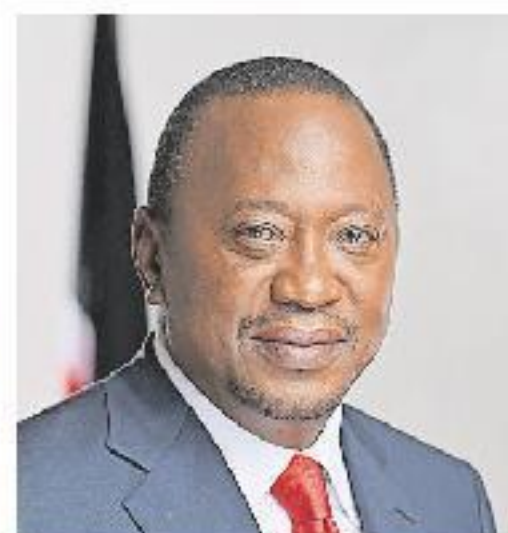
Luis G. Franceschi – Assistant Secretary-General, The Commonwealth:

"Raila Odinga's life was a lesson in courage and reconciliation. I'll always remember his generosity of spirit at the Marlborough House dialogue – a true act of leadership and love for his country."



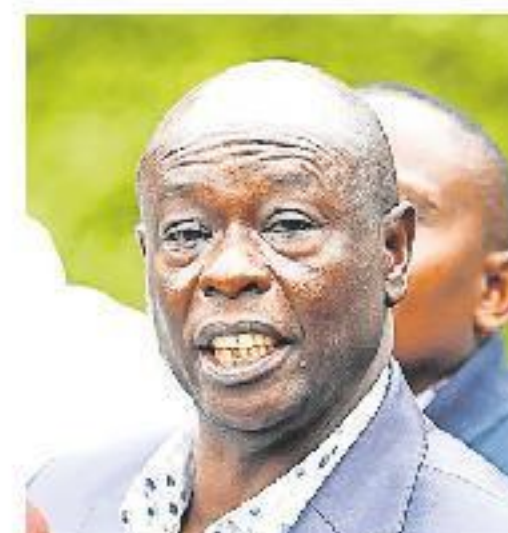
Sebastian Groth – Ambassador of Germany to Kenya:

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of former PM Raila Amolo Odinga. A life full of political struggle, fight for democracy, human rights and human empathy came to an end. Baba was a bridgebuilder in Africa."



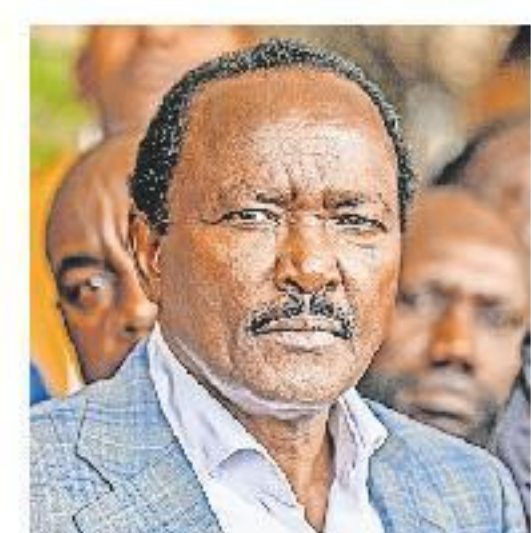
Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta – Fourth President of Kenya:

"My heart is heavy, and my spirit is burdened with a grief that is both profound and deeply personal. The news of Raila's passing has left a silence that echoes across our nation, a silence where once there was a voice of thunder and conviction."



Rigathi Gachagua – Former Deputy President:

"Baba Raila Odinga, may you rest well... The enigma, the father of our democracy and a formidable hero of Kenya's 2nd liberation, you stood tall and strong in intellect, knowledge and quest for democracy... You are a hero celebrated home and away."



Kalonzo Musyoka – Former Vice President:

"Kenya has lost an exemplary leader, the President who won but was never declared and sworn into office. The loss of Rt Hon Raila Odinga is not only a loss to his family and country, but also to the entire African continent. I will miss my brother and friend dearly."



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To Mount Kenya, he was beloved foe and misunderstood friend

For over six decades, Raila Odinga's relationship with Mt Kenya oscillated between reverence and rejection - a paradox shaped by the historic Kenyatta-Jaramogi feud, enduring political mistrust, and fleeting moments of alliance. From being branded a political bogeyman to later emerging as a symbol of reconciliation and pragmatism, Odinga's legacy in the Mountain remains one of fascination, fear and unfinished business

BY MWANGI MUIRURI

Raila Odinga's influence in Mt Kenya politics was like a spiritual bug - defining a man the region's voters feared but loved throughout his long political career.

The stage for the acrimony had been set by the confrontation between founding President Jomo Kenyatta and Vice-President Jaramogi Odinga - Raila Odinga's father. The feud was carried on by their sons, Uhuru Kenyatta, who beat Mr Odinga in the presidential races of 2013 and 2017.

In the 2022 election, outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta joined forces with Mt Kenya billionaires to campaign for Mr Odinga's presidency, but voters rejected the idea.

When those same voters began complaining about President William Ruto's perceived excesses, they called on Mr Odinga to help them resist his policies. To their dismay, Mr Odinga closed ranks with President Ruto to form the broad-based government. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua became a casualty of this union when he was impeached by the National Assembly and Senate in October 2024.

"For the broad-based government to

take shape, Odinga had to join forces with Mr Kenyatta and President Ruto to have Mr Gachagua impeached. From a man who had won significant love at the ballot in the Mountain, he again lost it. Ahead of 2027, the Mountain was looking forward to a possible reunion with Mr Odinga to oust President Ruto," says Embakasi North MP James Gakuya.

Naivasha MP Jane Kihara says, "Mr Odinga was a good ingredient for our politics because working around his name helped us angle our cause, and his presence in an election gave it its thrill."

Pundits struggle to find one word to describe the kind of relationship that mountaineers have exercised towards Mr Odinga - mudslinging him for mobilisation purposes but taunting him as the ideal people's defender.

"For a very long time, our Mountain people have used Mr Odinga as a scarecrow to mobilise turnout. He has effectively been branded a bogeyman. Yet, when things went wrong, the same people would demand that Mr Odinga intervene and apply pressure on government to behave," says political commentator and scholar Prof Peter Kagwanja.

Prof Kagwanja says "Raila-phobia" sounds like a makeshift word to describe Mr Odinga's fortunes in the Moun-

tain. "Yet this is the same man we called Njamba (hero) in 2002 when he threw his lot behind the presidential candidacy of Mwai Kibaki."

Prof Kagwanja adds that Mr Odinga departs from the political stage having never found that convergence point of unanimity regarding love or hate in the Mountain. "It is out of realising that Mr Odinga was ageing and most likely retiring from politics that Mt Kenya political schemers rushed to create another bogeyman ahead of 2027. It will be very interesting to see how campaigns without Mr Odinga will shape up, especially in the Mt Kenya region," he says.

Kikuyu Council of Elders Chairman Wachira Kiago says, "To us, Mr Odinga was a good human being who loved humanity but was misunderstood through the lenses of politics."

Mr Kiago says, "Mr Odinga happened to be disadvantaged in the Mountain because of misunderstandings that raged between his father, Mr Jaramogi Odinga, and the founding father of the Nation, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta."

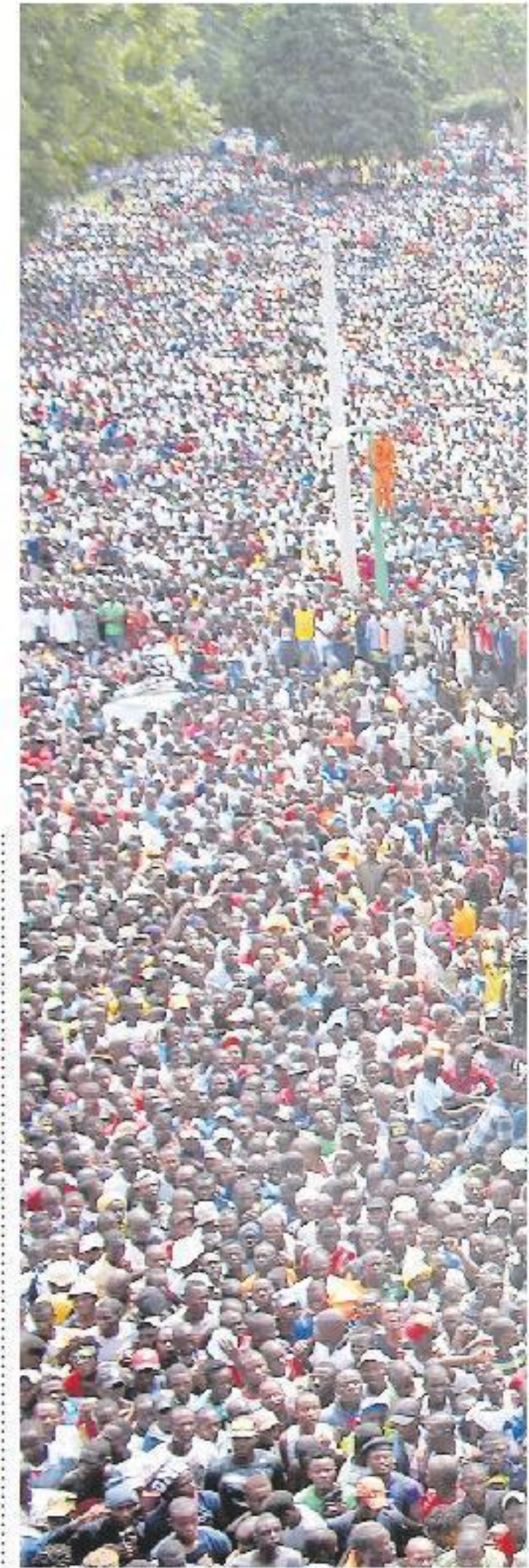
He adds that "the grudge between Mr Jaramogi and Mr Kenyatta shaped Mr Odinga's relationship with the Mountain in the elections he contested. In all the five times Mr Odinga sought the presidency (1997, 2007, 2013, 2017, and 2022), Mt Kenya was not in his support - not because of his flaws, but because of the ancient grudge between Mr Jaramogi and Mr Kenyatta."

Mr Kiago notes that "Mr Kenyatta junior had in 2022 tried to confront that misunderstanding between their fathers, and together with Mr Odinga sought to bridge that rift with love. But the damage was greater than imagined, since Mt Kenya voters viciously rejected the reconciliation drive, humiliating Mr Kenyatta with a resounding defeat."

While Mr Ruto, who was competing against Mr Odinga, garnered 87 per cent of the region's votes, Mr Kenyatta and his candidate managed only 12 per cent.

Mr Kanene Kabiru, director of the Murang'a billionaires-owned Rwachia Distributors Company, says Mr Odinga was enigmatic in the Mountain's spheres of life. "We remained adrift in matters of culture. In politics, we loved him when using him as an ingredient. But in business, we all submitted to him. For our Mt Kenya-based companies to expand into other regions, we needed Mr Odinga's blessings. That is why he was loved by Mt Kenya businessmen," he says.

Mr Kabiru adds, "While politics could



Supporters of opposition leader Raila Odinga

be bridged through post-election pacts, business interests only needed the blessings of Mr Odinga alone. That is why in 2022 we gave it our best shot to have him win the presidency and, in turn, win economic freedom... but we lost."

One of Mr Odinga's ardent supporters, business magnate Samuel Kamau (SK) Macharia, says, "You only needed to analyse Mr Odinga devoid of biases and approach it with objectivity to define the kind of big heart he had."

Mr Macharia says he has known the Jaramogi family for long. "I can tell you without fear of contradiction that this is the unit that would have served the interests of the Mountain people to optimal heights. This family has always been after just governance that treats all equally while rewarding hard work... This is the family whose in-house leaders would have made Mt Kenya achieve the dreams of its forefathers."

He adds that Mr Odinga has long been a friend of the Mt Kenya communities and has influenced infrastructure development for their benefit, especially when he served as a Cabinet minister in President Kibaki's government. "Mr Odinga was a true friend of peace who always helped lower political temperatures, enabling the country to move forward and remain economically viable - even when pursuing his personal goals outside peace seemed more promising,"



National Super Alliance (Nasa) flag-bearer Raila Odinga addresses the media at Okoa Kenya offices in Nairobi on October 10, 2017, when the coalition announced its withdrawal from the October 26 repeat presidential election.



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ga at Uhuru Park in January 2018 during his swearing-in ceremony as the 'people's president'. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

Torture, detention over 1982 coup bid

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

In October 2011, Prime Minister Raila Odinga took the witness stand to testify on behalf of former Alego-Usonga MP Otieno Mak'Onyango.

Narrating his ordeal, Mr Odinga told then High Court judge Kalpana Rawal that he was arrested on August 11, 1982, and taken to the GSU headquarters, where he found University of Nairobi lecturer Prof Alfred Asanyo and Mr Mak'Onyango at the camp.

Mr Odinga recalled that he was brutally beaten by visibly drunk police officers led by the then police boss Ben Gethi and Peter Mbuthia.

He said Mr Gethi went to his cell munching a piece of meat and tried to compel him to write a confession. According to him, he wrote four statements, but all were torn to pieces by the officers.

"They beat me ruthlessly, yet we had not been found guilty," he said.

He added that while they tortured him, he could hear wails from adjacent cells where other detainees – Prof Asanyo and Mr Mak'Onyango – were being held.

Mr Odinga said they were held incommunicado and in solitary confinement, although they used to meet fellow detainees in the mornings.

He said no family members or lawyers were allowed to visit them.

While being cross-examined by former President Moi's lawyer, Kethi Kilonzo, Mr Odinga said Mr Moi should have been held liable for the cruel treatment they underwent.

"Yes, Moi should take personal and political responsibility," he said.

Mr Odinga further denied playing a role in the attempted coup, although he said there were rumours of a planned overthrow of Moi's government, which was to happen on August 5, 1982.

He said the rumours implicated former powerful Attorney General Charles Njonjo before the Njonjo Commission as one of the persons behind the plans to overthrow Moi's government.

He also dismissed allegations contained in his biography *Raila Odinga: An Enigma in Kenyan Politics* by Nigerian writer Babafemi Badejo, saying he was planning to write his own autobiography to correct misrepresentations contained in the book.

Although Mr Odinga admitted attending the launch of Mr Babafemi's book and even writing a personal statement in it, he said the author based his facts on other sources and not on him.

Mr Odinga later wrote his autobiography *The Flame of Freedom*, where he admitted playing a "peripheral role" in the attempted coup.

He added that they were found to have a case to answer and were committed to the High Court for trial.

The State, however, terminated the case, but he was detained for six years, while Mr Mak'Onyango was held for four years.

According to Mr Odinga, it was the then Permanent Secretary in charge of provincial administration and internal security, James Mathenge, who signed a notice sending them to detention.

He explained that they occasionally appeared before the Detention Review Board, where they appealed for their release.

The court later awarded Mr Mak'Onyango Sh20 million, with Justice Rawal ruling that the evidence tabled in court led to an "irresistible conclusion that the detention of the plaintiff was unconstitutional, unjustified, and unlawful."

he says.

Mr Odinga's point man in the region, Kamau Mweha, says he will never regret following the former premier. "Deep inside his heart, he was a good friend of our region, only that propagandists have been painting him otherwise."

Mr Mweha adds, "With time, the Mountain might learn the hard way that in Odinga's family tree our interests remained safest. The Mountain must remain very vigilant on how it behaves in the absence of Mr Odinga – for he was on a mission to reach out to Mt Kenya for a 2027 pact."

Laikipia East MP Mwangi Kiunjuri said on Wednesday, "There was very little that separated us from Mr Odinga – only competitive politics. After every political duel, Mt Kenya leaders would troop to him to pursue a truce, and that explains why he would end up in government even after losing."

Mr Kiunjuri adds, "Those who don't want to be truthful will tell you that even in the past three years, it is not President Ruto's fault that he had to embrace Mr Odinga – it was traditional unanimity that with a sulking Mr Odinga, it was impossible to govern."

He says, "The good thing about Mr Odinga was that he was always the practical man – he would immediately close ranks with governments to secure stability and ensure his supporters had a bite

of the government pie."

During his 2022 campaign trail, Mr Odinga would passionately remind Mt Kenya that the enmity between the region and Luo Nyanza was largely the result of distorted political history that had fuelled mistrust for political expediency.

He often said that his family had, since 1952, fought from the same political terraces as Mt Kenya, noting that his father had been instrumental in helping Mzee Kenyatta become the founding father of the nation.

"Every time my community comes together to unite with Mt Kenya, all sorts of propaganda emerge to break the friendship and derail the walk towards shared goals. That is how mistrust crept into the relationship between Jaramogi and Kenyatta," he said.

Mr Odinga reminded the region that in 1992 and 1997 he had been on Mt Kenya's side, "where our shared political target was to kick Daniel Moi out of power, though we failed because we approached the issue in a disjointed manner."

He also recalled that during the agitation for multipartyism, he had been arrested alongside Kenneth Matiba.

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Swearing-in as people's president r

Opposition National Super Alliance leader Raila Odinga's supporters recall that even in the face of intimidation, arrests and media censorship by the Uhuru Kenyatta and William Ruto Jubilee government, he still remained unbowed. His critics, too, acknowledge that it was an audacious act, one that tested the limits of democracy in Kenya

BY STEVE OTIENO

On January 30, 2018, Kenya witnessed one of the most defiant moments in its history when Raila Odinga, then-leader of the opposition and a four-time presidential contender, swore himself in as the "People's President" at Uhuru Park, Nairobi.

The "inauguration" was an act of rebellion and a cry for justice. It captured the frustration of a people who felt robbed of their electoral voice.

The path to that extraordinary ceremony began months earlier with the contested 2017 presidential election. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) had declared President Uhuru Kenyatta the winner of the August vote, but Odinga's National Super Alliance (Nasa) challenged the outcome, citing irregularities in the transmission and tallying of results. In a historic move, the Supreme Court nullified the election, marking the first time in Africa that a court had annulled a presidential vote.

The repeat election in October, however, was boycotted by Odinga who insisted the IEBC had not reformed and could not be trusted. The country was split between those calling for a fresh election and others urging a return to normalcy. Odinga chose to channel that anger and disillusionment into a symbolic act of defiance – a swearing-in that would, in his words, "restore the people's sovereignty".

The government warned against any parallel administration. Then-Attorney General Githu Muigai said such an act would amount to treason, a capital offence under the law. Government officials labelled the plan by Nasa subversion, while opposition leaders framed it as a legitimate expression of the people's will.

It was in this charged atmosphere that Odinga made his way to Uhuru Park on that Tuesday afternoon. Thousands of supporters had already gathered, waving flags and chanting his name, undeterred by the heavy police presence.

Many TV stations were switched off that morning under government orders, preventing live broadcasts of the event, in what later came to be condemned as an assault on press freedom.

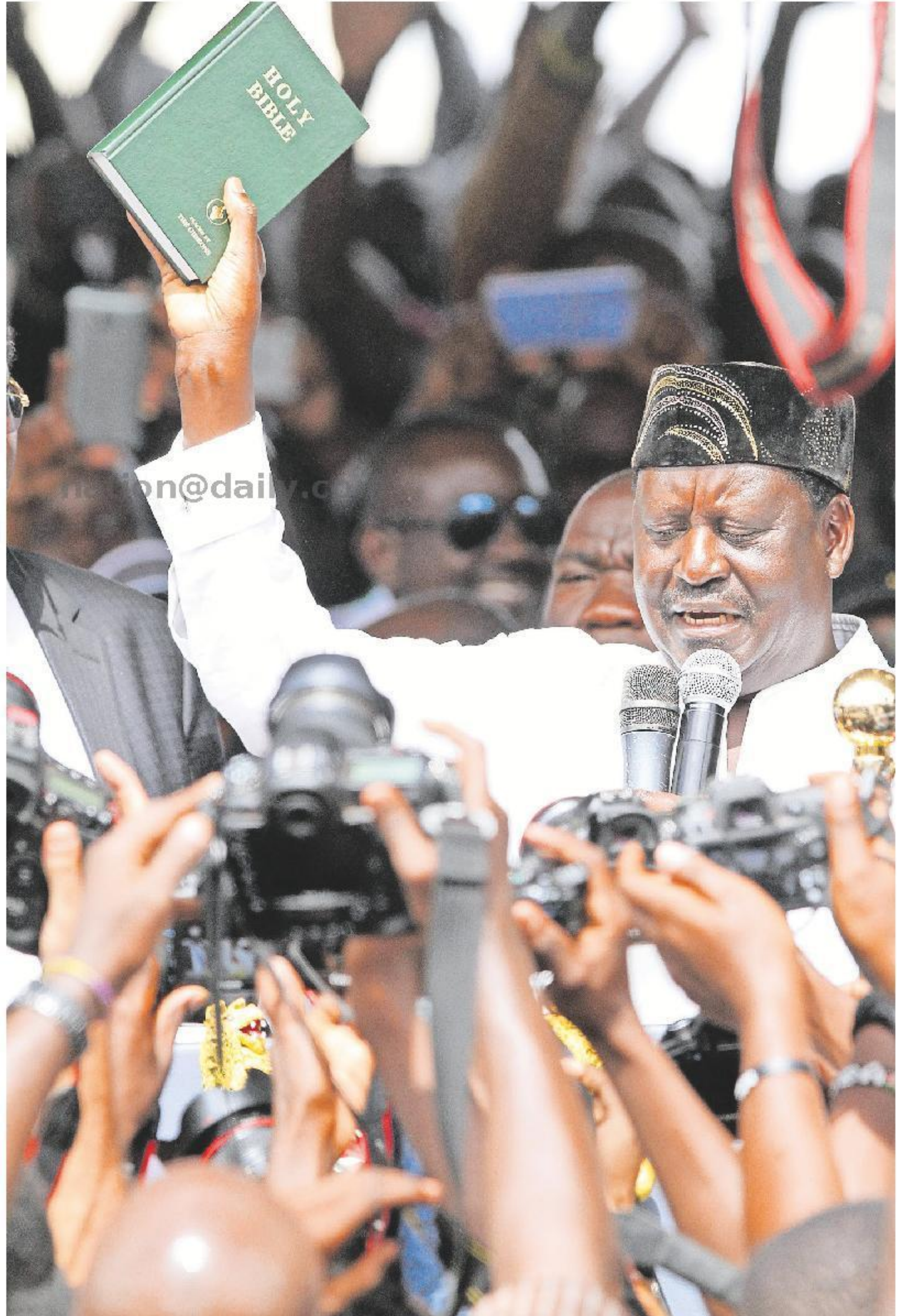
At precisely 2.45pm, Odinga appeared on stage in a white shirt and black cap, holding a Bible.

Next to him was Ruaraka MP TJ Kajwang, who donned a lawyer's robe to administer the oath, and lawyer Miguna Miguna, who helped officiate the brief but symbolic ceremony.

In front of a roaring crowd, Raila raised his right hand and declared: "I, Raila Amolo Odinga, do swear that I will protect the nation as the People's President, so help me God."

The crowd erupted in cheers, singing liberation songs and chanting "Baba! Baba!"

For many of his followers, that was not just theatre, it was a declaration of dignity, a resto-



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The time in the afternoon Raila Odinga arrived at Uhuru Park for the swearing-in as the People's President on January 30, 2018

National Super Alliance leader Raila Odinga takes the oath of office as the People's President at Uhuru Park grounds in Nairobi on January 30, 2018. He later agreed to work with president Uhuru Kenyatta. FILE | NATION



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Redefined Raila

ration of voice after what they saw as stolen democracy. Noticeably absent from the ceremony, however, were Odinga's co-principals in Nasa – Mr Kalonzo Musyoka, Mr Musalia Mudavadi and Mr Moses Wetang'ula – who were meant to be sworn in alongside him.

Their loud absence sparked speculation and disappointment among opposition supporters. The man of the hour, however, brushed it off, promising that the opposition remained united in the struggle for justice.

Later, Mr Musyoka would cite security concerns, claiming that intelligence reports had warned of possible attacks or arrests. The government dismissed the event as a publicity stunt.

In the days that followed, the state cracked down on those involved. Then-Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i declared Nasa's "National Resistance Movement" an organised criminal group.

Dr Miguna was arrested, detained and later deported to Canada in a controversial decision that raised questions about his citizenship. Mr Kajwang was held briefly and charged with participating in an illegal oath.

The offices of the opposition were raided, and the homes of top Nasa officials placed under surveillance. The media blackout persisted for days, drawing condemnation from rights groups and global observers.

For many, it seemed Kenya was slipping into political repression reminiscent of the Kanu single-party era.

Critically looking at this incident in the broader political narrative, the opposition chief's self-swearing achieved something profound. It was in many ways the climax of decades of struggle; a statement that power belongs to the people, not the establishment.

It drew parallels to Odinga's defiance against one-party rule in the 1980s and 1990s when he was detained without trial and tortured for demanding pluralism. This time, however, the battleground was electoral justice and the integrity of institutions.

While critics dismissed the oath as reckless and unlawful, supporters saw in it a moral victory, a reaffirmation that resistance could be peaceful but potent.

The legal implications of the act remained a matter of debate until November 2019 when Chief Magistrate Stephen Mbungi ruled that Odinga's oath as "People's President" was not unlawful. The court said the oath did not amount to treason since Odinga did not attempt to usurp the powers of the President of the Republic of Kenya.

The ceremony, the court said, was symbolic, lacking any practical attempt to seize authority. This legal interpretation underscored the thin line between protest and insurrection and offered a precedent for political expression in contested democracies.

"From the content of the oath, Raila Odinga swore himself to the office of the people's president, which does not amount to any crime. He would have only breached the law if he swore himself as the president of the Republic of Kenya," the court ruled.

Barely six weeks after the Uhuru Park event, the unexpected happened. On March 9, 2018, Odinga and president Uhuru Kenyatta appeared on the steps of Harambee House, shaking hands and declaring an end to hostilities.

The moment, instantly dubbed "The Handshake", stunned the nation. It marked a dramatic turnaround from confrontation to cooperation and paved the way for the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI).

Odinga explained that the Handshake was about healing a divided country, while critics accused him of betraying the struggle by the opposition.

But few could deny that the self-swearing event had forced the political establishment to reckon with the depth of national division.

The 2018 swearing-in was not just a political stunt, it was a defining episode in Odinga's long career as a reformist and a symbol of resistance. It encapsulated his lifelong refusal to yield to state power and his willingness to stake everything for what he believed was right.

It was also a vivid demonstration of the fragility of Kenya's democracy, how easily faith in institutions can crumble when citizens lose trust in their impartiality.

The event, in retrospect, exposed the limits of electoral law, the contradictions of constitutionalism and the enduring struggle to align political legitimacy with public will.

As the country comes to terms with Raila Odinga's passing, memories of that day at Uhuru Park resurface.

It was perhaps the most visible manifestation of the spirit that defined his political life, the courage to challenge authority and the conviction that justice must be pursued.

I, Raila Amolo Odinga, do swear that I will protect the nation as the People's President, so help me God.

Raila Odinga during his swearing-in as the People's President in Nairobi on January 30, 2018



Odinga's supporters recall that even in the face of intimidation, arrests and media censorship, he remained unbowed. His critics, too, acknowledge that it was an audacious act, one that tested the limits of Kenyan democracy.

The self-swearing of Odinga as the people's president remains a historical marker, a symbol of how far Kenya has come and how much further it must go in perfecting its democracy.

It was protest born of disillusionment, but also of hope – the hope that someday, elections would no longer divide the nation, and that power would flow genuinely from the will of the people.

In his words that day – the veteran of opposition politics who was never in power but somehow always in power – pledged that "the struggle for greater democratic space, liberty and freedom has just begun".

Seven years later, as Kenya mourns, those words ring loud. They remind the nation that democracy is not a gift bestowed by rulers, but a right fought for by citizens.

Whereas his oath did not make him president, it made him something perhaps more enduring, a symbol of the unyielding Kenyan spirit.

In life, he stood for justice, equality and unity. In death, his legacy of the man who embodied resistance and hope for millions, continues to challenge and inspire a nation still striving to live up to the ideals he so fearlessly championed.

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Nostalgia The two men engaged in heated, lively debates

Lee Njiru: Moi scuttled plan by security chief to assassinate Raila

BY FRANCIS MUREITHI

When former head of the Presidential Press Service Lee Njiru tells stories of Kenya's political past, you feel history breathing through his words.

At his Ngata home on the Nakuru-Eldoret road, the veteran journalist speaks with nostalgia – and disbelief at times.

Among his many memories, one stands out like a lightning bolt in the country's political skies the day president Daniel arap Moi rejected a top security officer's proposal to assassinate Raila Odinga.

"Moi once told me that a senior security officer came to him and said, 'Your Excellency, why is this man Raila giving you many problems? Give me permission and we'll take him out,'" he says.

But Moi looked at him, shook his head, and gave a firm 'No'.

Mr Njiru pauses for a moment, letting the weight of the words settle.

"Some people in Moi's administration wanted Raila eliminated. But Mzee refused. He said, 'Let him continue. Kenya needs people like him,'" he recalls Moi saying.

To Mr Njiru, the decision defined Moi's political maturity and Odinga's central role in Kenya's democracy.

"Raila was a crucial component in Kenya's political juggernaut – a man who challenged power, provoked debate and pushed this country to evolve," he says.

When the news of Odinga's death broke, Mr Njiru says he was devastated and confused.

"It was confusing because nobody was clear about Raila's health from the beginning," he says. "People were unprepared for this tragedy.

When it was finally confirmed, I remembered the assassination of Julius Caesar and the words of Mark Antony – 'Whence cometh such another?' That is what millions of Kenyans will ask. Raila is irreplaceable," he says.

Mr Njiru believes Odinga's passing will trigger a seismic political realignment.

"With Raila gone, the political tapestry of Kenya will change dramatically. He was a pillar. Whether you loved Raila or not, you had to reckon with him. Ahead of 2027 and beyond, Kenya will see a shift in how politics is played," he says.

Mr Njiru's connection with Odinga ran deep. The two worked closely when the former served as Kanu secretary-general.

"He was tough and indefatigable. When Raila set out to do something, he gave it everything.



Mr Lee Njiru. FILE | NATION

But behind that toughness, was a gentleman. People saw him as hard, even abrasive, but he was kind and deeply human," he says.

Mr Njiru says he had a premonition of Odinga's death.

"About a month ago, I asked a friend for Raila's phone number. I called him three times but didn't get through. I just wanted to hear his voice, may be to say something I didn't know I needed to say," he says.

The two last met at Lee Njiru Resort, where Odinga visited three times to meet cultural leaders.

"We would talk and joke for hours. One day, Raila told me, 'Lee, one of these days, let's go to Embu and greet your people.' I will never forget that," he adds.

Mr Njiru also recalls an encounter at the US Ambassador's residence in Muthaiga during the American Independence Day celebrations.

"Raila patted my back three times, and said, 'Lee, you are a loyal person.' He repeated it with that smile of his. That has stayed with me since," he says.

He reveals little-known details of Moi's private conversations about the Odingas.

"When Jaramogi Odinga died, Moi told me that he had no problems with the Odingas. He said he would fund the burial, and he did. I remember Raila coming to State House, Nakuru. The two shook hands and Moi later attended Jaramogi's funeral in Siaya. That's the human side of Moi people never saw," he says.

Mr Njiru says Moi knew that Raila, like his father, had a vision for Kenya.

"He said Raila saw beyond politics. He understood Kenya's place in Africa and the world," he adds.

Mr Njiru recalls one of their heated debates. "I once challenged Raila to stop saying that Kenya and countries like South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore were at the same economic level at independence," Mr Njiru says.

"Raila looked at me and said, 'Lee, if given a chance, I will take Kenya to the First World.' He meant it and had the passion," he says.

While Mr Njiru admired Mr Odinga's vision, he disagreed with his bid for the AU Commission chairmanship.

Still, he says, Odinga's ambition showed his desire to make Africa better.

Mr Njiru describes the Odinga family as Kenya's "luckiest political dynasty".

"They have been in all governments – Jomo Kenyatta, Moi, Kibaki, Uhuru and now Ruto. They've benefited in every era, yet it is the only dynasty that has never ruled," he says.

"When people say Raila was the best president Kenya never had, that is conjecture. But one thing is certain: his influence is eternal."

Mr Njiru believes history will remember Odinga as a man who never gave up, fought for democracy when it was dangerous to do so and who inspired millions to believe in a better Kenya.

"I feel cheated. I was not prepared for this national blow. Kenya has lost more than a politician – we've lost a force of nature," he says.

"Raila was the heartbeat of Kenya's political rhythm. You could love him, hate him, fear him or follow him – but you could never ignore him. And like Mark Antony said of Caesar, 'Whence cometh such another?'"

According to Mr Njiru, Kenya's political story will never be the same again.

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RAILA ODINGA

1945-2025

The enigma in pictures Remembering Orange Democratic Movement leader who died in India on Wednesday morning



Nasa leader Raila Odinga on Likoni Road, Nairobi, on November 17, 2017 after he flew back into the country.



Raila with his wife Ida during the launch of his candidacy for the presidency in 2022.



Mr Odinga during the funeral of Prof Joseph Ouma Muga at his home in Kochia, Homa Bay County, on September 28, 2018.



Mr Odinga at Villa Rosa Kempinski on October 15, 2021.



President Uhuru Kenyatta with Mr Odinga during the Afro Champions Boma on Infrastructure financing and delivery in Nairobi on April 17, 2019.



President William Ruto, his Ugandan colleague Yoweri Museveni and Mr Raila Odinga at Mr Museveni's ranch in western Uganda.



Former Nominated MP Mark Too (second (left), Rwanda President Paul Kagame, ODM leader Raila Odinga, former Eldoret South MP Jesse Maiss and a businessman from Rwanda (far left) on February 13, 2020.

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Igniting minds, shaping futures



Toria Zuri (centre) and her Good Testimony Junior schoolmate Prudence Shalom, among other young environmentalists who were awarded during the First Lady Mazingira Awards at State House, Nakuru, on October 8, 2025. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION

FLAMA Awards glory

BY JOSEPH OPENDA

At just 9 years old, Toria Zuri is able to comprehend the complex issues of climate change and environmental conservation.

The grade 4 pupil at the Good Testimony Junior School is already wary of the dangers that the world could be staring at with the continuous pollution of the environment.

And this is already scaring her.

In her creative mind, Zuri is able to artistically tell a story of what a healthy environment should look like against a polluted one through her ingenious drawings.

Coming from an urban set up in Nairobi's estate, Zuri is well aware of an environment drowning in smoke from vehicle emissions, low air quality due to increased industrialisation and polluted rivers.

But a one-time visit to Karura forest however gave her an experience of freshness from the green flora devoid of air pollution. And she wished the whole world could look and feel like this.

This is where her agitation for a better and cleaner envi-

ronment began. At her disposal was her talent for drawing, pencil, markers and paper.

She believes that with her talent she can make her little contribution towards making the world a better and healthier place.

"I use my art to champion for a safe environment. I will keep drawing artworks that inspire people to understand the need to protect the environment," said Zuri.

As a young environmental champion, the young Zuri is fast grasping the concepts of climate change and its effect, which has now become her biggest motivation in her art.

"If we fail to look after our mother nature, we shall face serious disasters in our lives, that is why everyone has to play their role," says the grade four pupil.

Her inspiring drawings have not gone unnoticed after she received recognition from high offices.

In the 2025 edition of First Lady Mazingira Awards ceremony that was held in Nakuru, Zuri was among 149 winners feted after her artwork did well in the drawing category.

She emerged position three in the category that was highly competitive.

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Career Pathways



How helmets protect the head

BY MESHACK YOBBY

Studies have shown that wearing a helmet reduces the risk of head injury by as much as 70% for cyclists and up to 85% for motorcyclists. In Kenya, it is illegal to ride on a motorbike without a helmet.

When your moving head suddenly hits a hard surface like the road or a wall your skull stops instantly, but your brain keeps moving inside it for a fraction of a second. This motion causes the brain to slam against the inside of the skull, leading to bruising, bleeding, or even a concussion.

A helmet acts as a cushion that absorbs and spreads out the shock of a crash. By slowing down how fast your head stops, it gives your brain a softer landing inside. That tiny difference in time can be the difference between a mild bump and a serious injury.

Most helmets are made

up of two main layers. The outer shell is hard and smooth. Its job is to protect against sharp objects, prevent penetration, and let your head slide along the surface instead of stopping suddenly. That sliding reduces what scientists call rotational force: the twisting motion that can cause severe brain injuries.

Inside the shell is the softer, thicker layer of foam. This foam crushes on impact. By compressing, it absorbs much of the crash energy that would otherwise travel straight to your skull. After one strong impact, the foam can't bounce back, which is why helmets are meant to be replaced after a serious fall.

When a person wearing a helmet falls, the outer shell spreads the impact over a larger area. Then, the inner foam layer compresses and absorbs the shock of impact. Finally, the chin strap keeps the helmet snug on the head, ensuring it doesn't slide off during the collision.

Career pathways corner

BY DR EDWIN OGADA

Being a good citizen begins right where you are - in your classroom, at home, and in your community. Citizenship is not just about belonging to Kenya; it is about caring for others, doing what is right, and helping to make the world around you better. In junior school, where learners are growing and discovering who they are, being a responsible citizen means respecting rules, caring for the environment, and treating others with kindness. When you greet people politely, take care of school property, and tell the truth, you are already practicing good citizenship. These small actions may seem simple, but together they make your school and community peaceful and happy.

Citizenship also means understanding that everyone has

Building a better Kenya: The power of good citizenship in junior school

rights and responsibilities. As a learner, you have the right to be respected, to learn, and to be safe, but you also have the duty to respect others and to do your best in your studies. Taking part in class discussions, helping group members, and keeping your school clean are all ways of showing that you care about the community you belong to. You can also join clubs that teach leadership, teamwork, and service, such as the environmental club or drama team. When you volunteer

your time to clean up, plant trees, or help younger learners, you are showing love for your country and setting an example for others to follow.

Good citizenship goes beyond school activities - it shapes how you live every day. When you help a friend who is struggling, share ideas respectfully, or solve disagreements peacefully, you are practicing empathy and fairness. When you choose to speak up against bullying, dishonesty, or unfairness, you show courage

and responsibility. Kenya is made up of people from different cultures and backgrounds, and good citizens celebrate these differences while working together for peace. You can learn about your country's history, symbols, and laws to understand why unity and respect are important for everyone.

Junior school is the perfect place to start becoming the kind of citizen Kenya needs - honest, caring, and hardworking. You may be young, but your actions already make a difference. Every time you recycle a bottle, share what you have, or follow school rules, you are helping to build a stronger nation. Remember, citizenship is not just about being Kenyan - it is about showing love for your country through your words and actions. Be proud, be kind, and do your part to build a better Kenya every day.

How Zuri shone at FLAMA Awards



Quote of the week



"The education systems are always key to the progress of a nation. We'll transform the Kenyan education system from the Primary to the University level to make it more competitive globally."

Raila Odinga in 2022

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Toria Zuri, her Good Testimony Junior schoolmate Prudence Shalom, and their teacher Ms Monicah Kiamba during the First Lady Mazingira Awards at State House, Nakuru, on October 8, 2025.

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Wearing the bronze medal from the First Lady Rachel Ruto was clear approval of her cause, and she feels even more motivated to continue with her advocacy.

Her talent for drawing and passion for a safer environment was visible in the drawing that she presented for the competition, and which won the hearts of the invigilators.

In her art she represented a juxtaposition of two worlds in one drawing, one section is green and full of vegetation while the other is desolate, clogged in smoke with no signs of life.

Her interpretation of the images is that "if we continue polluting the mother nature, the earth will soon be inhabitable, but if you plant trees, built smokeless factories life will be good for all of us."

For Zuri, her passion for drawing started back when she was five when she would attempt drawing images of people, houses and trees.

With the help of her teachers and encouragement from her parents and friends, she has slowly been mastering the art of drawing, which has now become her main channel of communicating her ideas and feelings.



Toria Zuri displays her medal and award given to her during the First Lady Mazingira Awards at State House, Nakuru, on October 8, 2025.

Prudence Shalom displays her medal and award gifted to her during the First Lady Mazingira Awards at State House, Nakuru, on October 8, 2025.

She wants to follow the footsteps of the Kenya environmental champion and Nobel Peace Prize winner the late Wangari Maathai, aside from becoming an actress.

"This award is my first one and it means a lot to me. I am motivated to continue with the art and more so championing for the environment," says Zuri.

Her teacher Monicah Kiamba describes Zuri as an all-round girl who is good at drawing, music and drama.

According to Ms Kiamba Zuri is rarely in trouble and excels in academics and co-curricular activities.

"At Good Testament Group of Schools, we believe in nurturing children's talent, which is the core value of the Competency Based Curriculum. We saw Zuri's talents and nurtured them for her to become one of the best when it comes to presentation," said Ms Kiamba.

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Why Practice Tests Are Your Secret Weapon

BY MESHACK YOBBY

When exam season draws near, many students pile up their notes, highlight everything in sight, and spend endless hours rereading textbooks. Yet some of the best performers do something different: they test themselves.

Practice tests, like the ones CBE Connect publishes every Thursday, are one of the most powerful tools for mastering any subject. Taking practice exams transforms how you learn, how you think, and how confidently you walk into the real exam room.

When you take a practice test, your brain works harder to recall information from memory instead of just recognizing it on a page. This process, called active recall, strengthens



the connections between your neurons, making it easier to remember the same information later.

Every time you quiz yourself, you're essentially training your brain to find the right answers faster and with less effort. During the actual exam, your brain won't panic; it will simply follow the pathways it has already used dozens of times.

Many students feel anxious not because they don't know their material, but because they don't know what to expect. The more familiar you become with

test conditions, the less intimidating they feel. You begin to recognize patterns, like how long a section usually takes, and what types of questions appear. By the time you sit for the actual exam, your brain treats it as just another practice run.

One of the most powerful things about practice tests is they reveal any knowledge gaps you might have. Once you identify your weak areas, you can target them directly by studying specifically, or asking for help from teachers or classmates.

One of the most surprising benefits of practice tests is how they help you remember things more deeply when you make mistakes. When you get an answer wrong, then look up the right one and understand why, your brain locks in that lesson much more firmly than if you had simply read it from the start.

Scientists call this the testing effect. It means that even failed attempts help learning, because the act of retrieving information strengthens memory. So don't fear bad scores on practice tests.

After several practice exams, your confidence grows naturally. You stop fearing tricky wording or unusual question styles, because you've already encountered versions of them. You learn to trust your instincts and reasoning. That quiet self-assurance can change your entire exam experience.

A fun animal puzzle book and trivia, where learning meets play

In an age where devices often compete for children's attention, screen-free resources that combine fun with learning can feel like striking gold. The Fun Animal Puzzle Book, published by Fanisi Creations, is one such gem: an interactive way for children and families to explore the animal kingdom while sharpening key learning skills.



The puzzle book goes beyond simple entertainment. Through crosswords, word searches, similes, and puzzles, it builds vocabulary, strengthens memory, and develops reasoning. As the publisher explains, "The activities are designed to challenge your mind, spark your imagination, and ignite your love for animals... Whether you are at home, in the car, or on the go, this book is the perfect companion for curious minds and animal lovers alike."

Parents echo this promise. Murugi Ndwiya, a mother of two says: "This was not just a book for children, but also adults. We learnt so much through the book – and had fun while at it." Lilly Ann, who initially bought the book for her five-year-old, was surprised when her pre-teens and even she and her husband got hooked. "It ended up as a family

activity. It makes us feel like little Adams in the garden of Eden, discovering animals we didn't know about!"

To complement the book, Fanisi Creations introduced The Animal Trivia Game, a boxed set of 108 question cards. These cards encourage interactive play, test knowledge and spark discussions about animals. "My family really enjoys

this trivia," says Emily Mugo. "It sparks conversations and even leads us to do more research. It's perfect at home, on camp, or in the car."

What makes both resources stand out is how naturally they fit into everyday routines. They provide wholesome entertainment after school, during family gatherings, or on long trips. More importantly, they support lifelong learning by encouraging discovery, critical thinking, and collaboration – values that are at the heart of competency-based education.

At a time when many activity books can feel repetitive, the puzzle book and trivia stand out for their ability to make learning enjoyable, practical, and family-centred. They are more than pastimes – they are tools for bonding, creativity, and growth.

Place of church in advancing competency-based education

BY ALBERT MWAZIGHE

Since the competency based education system (CBE) was introduced in Kenya, several schools across the country have made progress in transitioning from a theoretical to a more skills-based mode of training.

However, particularly in rural and low-income neighbourhoods, there are still quite a number of schools that have remained stuck in the traditional system, due to factors such as limited access to specialized training.

In addition, lack of adequate funding for essential resources like learning equipment, has prevented some of these schools from embracing activities such as creative arts that are key in the realization of CBE.

"Children in some areas are not participating in activities like drama and music, because their schools don't have the resources to hire specialist trainers or get equipment," said Brian Alitsi, a performing arts director.

Unable to participate in extracurricular activities at school, these kids are turning to churches in their neighbourhoods, which are more resourceful, as alternative places for them to hone their creative skills.

Some of these churches are going as far as hiring specialized trainers and preparing various competitions



Junior youth from St. Joseph Mukasa Kahawa West Catholic church, perform a play titled Veil of Silence at The Holy Innocents Tassia Catholic Parish drama festival on September 27, 2025. PHOTO | POOL

to encourage the children to invest themselves fully in their creative pursuits.

"In September this year for example, youth groups from different Catholic churches in the country got an opportunity to participate in a regional drama festival that was organized by the church," said Alitsi.

The drama festival featured plays revolving around the role of the church and the family unit in building healthy communities. Besides winning prizes, the best performers in the competition will proceed to the nationals, scheduled for December this year.

"The number of people who earn a living when one film is shot is so



In September, youth groups from different Catholic churches in the country got an opportunity to participate in a regional drama festival that was organised by the church. PHOTO | POOL

huge. It could be the drivers, cooks, makeup artists or people who bring

the production to fruition," said Arnold Rollins, a youth representing St. Joseph Mukasa Kahawa West Catholic Church at the festival.

"That is why we need to see more resources being invested in building the capacity of our young people to embrace art as a career," he added.

Indeed, over the last five years, the creative arts sector has become a significant source of employment for many young people, particularly in fields such as digital content creation.

According to the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), approximately 250,000 jobs were created in the field of content creation in 2022. Most of these were occupied by youth.

Jane Claire Kamau, an aspiring actor, says that parents need to start accepting that their kids do not have to follow conventional career pursuits to be successful, as emerging fields such as creative arts are also paying well.

"The junior youth stage is a very crucial phase of life for any human being, as it is when we decide what we want and what we don't want to become in life," said Ms Kamau. "Parents should trust their kids enough to listen to what they want, then provide support and advice in a loving way, as opposed to pushing them to do what they want," she added.

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Banana pancakes without sugar

Ingredients.

- 2 ripe bananas.
- 2 eggs.
- ½ cup all-purpose flour.
- 1 teaspoon baking powder.
- A pinch of salt.
- A little cooking oil or butter for frying.

Method.

- Peel the bananas and place them in a clean mixing bowl. Using a fork, mash them until smooth, with no large lumps remaining. The riper the bananas, the sweeter your pancakes will be.
- Crack the eggs into the same bowl. Whisk them together with the mashed bananas until the

- mixture is fully combined and slightly frothy.
- Add the flour, baking powder, and a pinch of salt to the bowl. Mix well using a spoon or whisk until you get a thick, smooth batter. If the batter feels too thick, you can add a tablespoon of milk or water to loosen it slightly.
- Place a non-stick frying pan on medium heat. Add a small amount of cooking oil or butter and allow it to heat for about 1 minute.
- Scoop a spoonful of batter and pour it into the pan to form a small, round pancake. Cook for about two minutes or until small bubbles begin to form on the surface.
- Using a spatula, carefully flip the pancake and cook the other side for 2 minutes, or until

- golden brown.
- Remove the pancake from the pan and place it on a plate. Repeat the process with the remaining batter, adding a little oil or butter if needed.
- Serve warm, plain or with fruit, yoghurt, or honey.
- Compiled by Margaret Maina.
- For your safety, never attempt to cook without the supervision of a responsible adult.

Do you have a favourite recipe you wish to share? Write to us at: juniorspot@ke.nationmedia.com



First Painless Surgery done in October 16, 1846

BY MESHACK YOBBY

On October 16, 1846, a Boston dentist named William T.G. Morton stepped into a crowded surgical theatre, held up a simple glass inhaler filled with ether and demonstrated, for the first time, that a patient could undergo surgery without feeling pain.

He instructed his patient, Gilbert Abbott, to breathe deeply. Moments later, surgeon Dr. John Collins Warren made an incision to remove a tumor from Abbott's neck. For the first time in recorded history, a major operation was performed without pain.

That moment marked the birth of modern anaesthesia and forever changed the practice of medicine. The date is now celebrated worldwide as World Anaesthesia Day.

Before that day, surgery was a brutal ordeal. Patients were restrained by assistants, given alcohol or wooden sticks to bite, and operated on as quickly as possible to limit agony. Despite advances in anatomy

and surgical skill, operations were often fatal.

Morton's demonstration, using diethyl ether, proved that pain could be suspended. The discovery was not entirely new: ancient healers had long experimented with opium, mandrake, and wine to dull suffering, and even medieval physicians used herbal "soporific sponges" to induce unconsciousness. But these were largely ineffective.

The success of ether anaesthesia spread rapidly. Within months, hospitals across America and Europe began adopting the technique. Surgeons could now perform longer, more complex operations with precision rather than haste. Patients who once faced torture on the operating table could be treated humanely.

Still, the idea met resistance. Some doctors claimed pain was necessary for healing; others worried anaesthetics might be dangerous or immoral. Yet science triumphed over fear. From ether came chloroform, nitrous oxide, and eventually modern anaesthetics that continue to save lives today.

This week, let us learn about question tags

Interrogative sentences are sentences we use when we want to ask questions. They help us find out information, understand others better, and begin conversations. In everyday life, we use interrogative sentences all the time. For example, when a learner asks the teacher, "What is today's topic?" or when someone at home says, "Where is my book?" they are using interrogative sentences. These sentences are important because they help us communicate clearly and politely.

To identify an interrogative sentence, we look at how it is formed. Most interrogative sentences begin with question words such as what, where, when, why, who, and how. These words show that the speaker is ask-

ing something. For example, "Why are you late?" is a question that begins with the word why. Another way to identify an interrogative sentence is by looking at the end of the sentence. It usually ends with a question mark, which shows that the speaker is expecting an answer. If someone says, "Can I borrow your pen?" they are asking for permission, and the sentence ends with a question mark.

We use interrogative sentences in many places and situations. In school, learners ask questions to understand lessons better. A student might ask, "Who discovered Mount Kenya?" or "How do we solve this math problem?" These questions help the learner get answers and learn more. At home, children ask questions to their

parents or siblings. For example, "What are we eating today?" or "Can I go outside to play?" These questions help them know what is happening around them. In the market, people use interrogative sentences to ask about prices or products. A customer might ask, "How much is this mango?" or "Do you sell bread?" These questions help them make decisions while shopping. Even with friends, we use questions to plan activities or share ideas. Someone might ask, "Where are we meeting after school?" or "Do you like football?"

Asking questions is a very important part of communication. When we ask questions in the right way, people understand us easily and respond kindly. Correctly framed questions show that we are respectful and interested in others. They help us avoid confusion and make our conversations smooth. For example, asking "What time does the lesson start?" is clear and polite. But saying "Lesson start what time" may confuse the listener and sound rude. That is why it is important to learn how to ask questions properly.

To write good interrogative sentences, we should begin with a question word or a helping verb like do, can, is, or are. Finally, we end the sentence with a question mark to show that we are asking something.

Interrogative sentences help us ask questions in a clear and respectful way. They are used in school, at home, in the market, and with friends. When we learn how to ask questions properly, we become better communicators. Asking is the first step to learning.

LET US LEARN ABOUT QUESTION TAGS

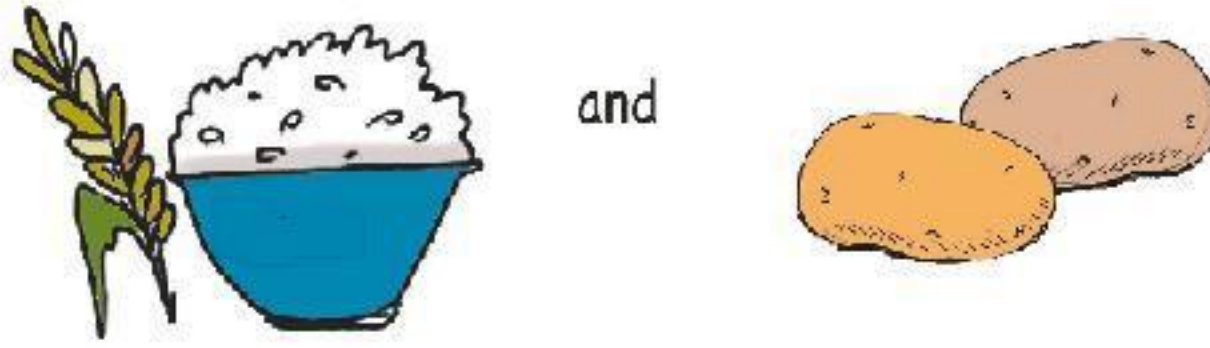
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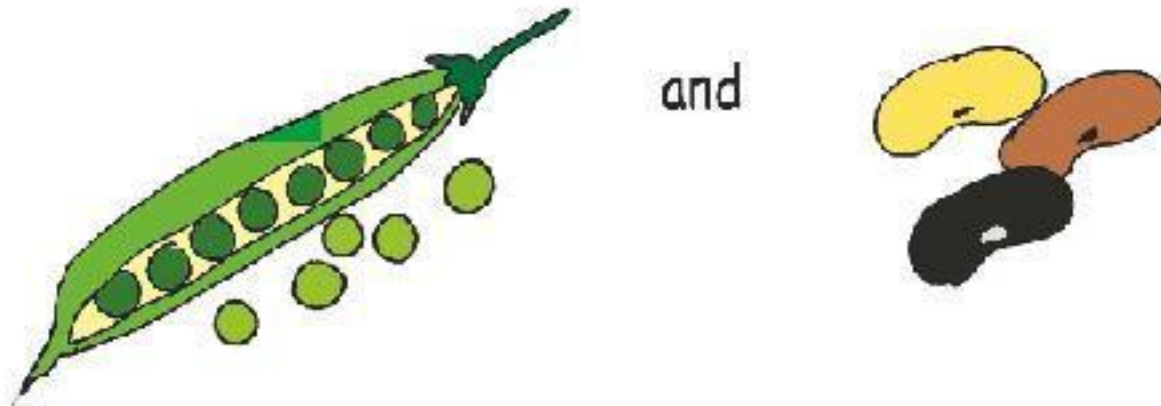
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Today is the **World Food Day**. We should eat a balanced diet which includes carbohydrates like



which give us energy. We can get proteins from animal products such as meat, eggs, milk or from plants such as



which make our body



Vitamins include vegetables and fruits such as



They help boost our immunity.

It is also good to



clean water to help keep our bodies hydrated.

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ACROSS

- 1. Wakati huu uliopo
- 3. ... za mwizi ni arubaini (methali)
- 6. The past tense of 'sing'
- 9. In addition; and
- 11. Royal Air Force (abbreviation)
- 12. The past tense of 'make'
- 13. Frog-like amphibian
- 14. Female sheep
- 15. To rotate
- 17. Regretted
- 20. Helps
- 21. The past tense of 'lay' (an egg)

DOWN

- 1. Save our Souls (abbreviation)
- 2. The opposite is 'daughter'
- 4. Unwell
- 5. Unidentified Flying Object (abbreviation)
- 7. Mume wa Hawa
- 8. The colour of grass
- 9. The opposite of 'before'
- 10. Iowa is one in the USA
- 15. Popular beverage
- 16. The colour of blood
- 18. America
- 19. The past tense of 'do'

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

- 1 Euro
- 3 Tore
- 6 Rats
- 9 Stag
- 11 Hot

DOWN

- 21 Adam
- 1 Ear
- 2 Rot
- 4 Out
- 5 Egg

- 7 After
- 8 Shirt
- 9 Study
- 10 Adamu
- 15 Big
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Complete the following essay and make it as interesting as possible.

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AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION GRADE 9 2025

SECTION A: (30 MARKS)

1. What is the main goal of conserving animal feed?

- A. Increase animal weight
- B. Reduce need for grazing
- C. Preserves nutrients for future use
- D. Improves feed palatability

2. During conservation of hay, a farmer compressed it in a baling box. What was the main reason behind it?

- A. To improve its taste
- B. To add its weight
- C. To remove air between it
- D. To avoid exposure to direct sunlight

3. Which container is least suitable for storing leftover food in the fridge?

- A. Airtight plastic container
- B. Covered glass bowl
- C. Open metal pan
- D. Zip-lock bag

4. During the preparation of leftover food, grade 9 learners carried out various activities. Which activity was odd one out?

- A. Frying
- B. Boiling
- C. Baking
- D. Grillin

5. Which one of the following is NOT a benefit of intergrated farming for resource conservation?

- A. It reduces dependence on chemical fertilizers
- B. It increases usage of water for irrigation
- C. It improves soil fertility
- D. It recycles nutrients

6. Which one of the following is a major environmental benefit of intergrated farming?

- A. Higher pesticide use
- B. Improved resource recycling and reduced pollution
- C. Increased use of organic manure

7. A farmer notices that weeds have established in his vegetable garden. What is the best way he is likely to use to control them?

- A. Use chemical weed killer
- B. Allow weeds to grow freely
- C. Apply foliar feed
- D. Practice mulching

8. What is an eco-friendly way to reduce kitchen waste and benefit your garden?

- A. Throw it in a land field
- B. Compost it for use as organic fertilizer
- C. Burn it to eliminate bacteria
- D. Discard it as waste

9. Your white clothes are turning yellowish. What can help restore their brightness naturally?

- A. Add more detergent
- B. Wash with salt water
- C. Soak in a solution of baking soda or lemon juice
- D. Use hot water while washing

10. You noticed detergent build up in your clothes. What should you do?

- A. Rinse with vinegar
- B. Ignore it
- C. Add bleach
- D. Add more detergent

11. Salt is one of the ingredients used in making homemade soap. What is the importance of adding the salt?

- A. Disinfecting the soap
- B. Separating the soap
- C. Softening the soap
- D. Thickening the soap

12. Which characteristic of eggs determine their grade?

- A. size
- B. shell colour
- C. shell thickness
- D. yolk colour

13. Which one of the following food groups is a good source of energy for the body?

- A. Dairy products
- B. Fruits and vegetables
- C. Meat and alternatives
- D. Grains and cereals

14. During the lesson, Agriculture and Nutrition teacher presented the picture below in class.



Why do the structure shown has a wire mesh?

- A. Easy mobility
- B. To expose birds to predators
- C. To increase sunlight exposure
- D. For good ventilation

15. Grade 9 learners carried out caring practice in a vegetable garden that entails uprooting of excess seedlings. Which practice was it likely to be?

- A. Weeding
- B. Thinning
- C. Pruning
- D. Harvesting

16. Which of the following activities carried out by grade 9 learners is more likely to pollute the soil?

- A. Applying artificial fertilizer in the soil
- B. Dumping kitchen wastes in the garden
- C. Disposing plastic bottles on the farm
- D. Applying organic manure in the soil

17. A farmer stores groundnuts with high moisture content. What is the most likely consequence?

- A. Increased shelf life
- B. Enhanced flavour
- C. Fungal growth and aflatoxin contamination
- D. Better market prices

18. In assessing the reliability of water storage tanks, which aspect is crucial to consider?

- A. The colour of the tank
- B. The material used for construction
- C. The shape of the tank
- D. The number of outlet of the tank

19. Which method is most effective in controlling aphids on vegetable crops.

- A. Introducing predatory insects like ladybugs
- B. Applying synthetic pesticides regularly
- C. Handpicking affected leaves
- D. Installing physical barriers around individual plants

20. During the cleaning activity, grade 9 learners swept loose dirt from one corner of the kitchen towards the door and collected dirt and disposed appropriately. Identify the type of floor they were cleaning.

- A. Wooden floor
- B. Tiled floor
- C. Earthen floor
- D. Cemented floor

21. Which ingredient is commonly used to leaven a flour mixture?

- A. Sugar
- B. Baking powder
- C. Salt
- D. Corn starch

22. You are preparing pancakes and want them to be light and fluffy. What is a of the following practice will be most effective?

- A. Beat the butter for 10 minutes
- B. Use cold ingredients
- C. Let the butter rest before cooking
- D. Add more flavourings

23. During a cooking experiment using flour mixtures, grade 9 learner was told to beat the mixture thoroughly. What was the main reason behind it?

- A. To allow it to mix well
- B. To incorporate air into it
- C. To allow the required consistency
- D. To sweeten the mixture

24. Durin a field excursion, grade 9 learners came across the picture below. Identify the method of soil conservation.



- A. Trash line
- B. Soil bund
- C. Cut off ditches
- D. Shallow pan

25. During preparation of poultry carcass, grade 9 learners exposed the bird to a flame to remove the remaining small hairs on the skin. The practice carried out was likely to be?

- A. Defeathering
- B. Roasting
- C. Gutting
- D. Singeing

26. Which part of the fish is typically removed during gutting.

- A. Gills only
- B. Scales and head
- C. Internal organs
- D. Tail and dorsal fin

27. The following are measures to observe when laundering loose coloured clothes. Which one is odd one out?

- A. Soaking the clothes before washing
- B. Washing them using mild detergent
- C. Avoid hanging them close to each other
- D. Washing them using kneading and squeezing methods

28. Which one of the following is not a benefit of intergrated farming?

- A. It reduces dependence on chemical fertilizers
- B. It regulates nutrients
- C. It recycles nutrients
- D. It reduces use of water for irrigation

29. Which combination is an example of intergrated farming?

- A. Rice and wheat rotation
 - B. Goat and poultry farming
 - C. Crop cultivation, fish farming and duck rearing
 - D. Rabbit and poultry rearing
30. The most basic and commonly used seam in sewing, suitable for most fabric is:
- A. French seam
 - B. Plain seam
 - C. Flat-felled seam
 - D. Lapped seam

SECTION B: (40 MARKS)

31(a) State two factors that influence hay spoilage during storage. (2 marks)

(b) During the lesson, Agriculture and Nutrition teacher presented the picture below in class.



Describe how the method of conserving hay is carried out. (3marks)

32(a) State any two ways of ensuring leftover foods are stored properly to avoid contamination. (2 marks)

(b) How does the use of leftovers impact house hold food budgets and economic efficiency? (1 mark)

(c) State two factors to consider when reheating leftover meals. (2 marks)

33(a) Explain two ways in which intergrated farming reduces environmental degradation. (2 marks)

(b) Grade 9 learners took an excursion to study intergrated farming on a neighbouring farm which grows maize, vegetables, fruit trees and rear fish and chicken.

i) Explain how the farm is intergrated (1 mark)

ii) Give two benefits of practicing intergrated farming. (2 marks)

34(a) State one example of crops used to prepare organic pesticide. (1 mark)

(b) State two qualities of plants grown for green manure. (2 marks)

(c) Identify one cultural practice used to control pests in crop production. (1 mark)

35. The following diagram shows a storage structure for storing crop produce.



(a) Identify the storage structure shown above. (1 mark)

(b) Explain ways of preparing the above storage structure in readiness for storing crop produce. (3 marks)

36(a) Mention two types of flour mixtures used in food production. (2 marks)

(b) Identify two examples of leavening agents used in flour mixtures. (2 marks)

37(a) A person wants to use bleach to brighten clothes. What type of fabric should bleach not be used on? (1 mark)

(b) You have clothes of various colours and fabric types. (Jeans, white shirts, red t-shirts wool socks). How should you sort them before washing? (1 mark)

38. List two common styles of serving food in a formal setting. (2 marks)

39. Grade 9 learners at Nairobi Muslim Academy came across the picture below on crop pests.



(a) Identify the type of pest shown above. (1 mark)

(b) State one way of controlling the mentioned pest. (1 mark)

40. State two methods of harvesting water on the farm. (2 marks)

41. Discuss how trash line as a method of soil conservation is carried out. (2 marks)

42. State two factors to consider when planning and preparing balanced meals. (2 marks)

43. Mkulima practices kitchen gardening. State two factors he is likely to consider when selecting the location for his kitchen garden. (2 marks)

MARKING SCHEME

SECTION A

1. C	6. B	11. D	16. C	21. B
2. C	7. C	12. A	17. C	22. A
3. A	8. B	13. D	18. B	23. B
4. B	9. C	14. C	19. C	24. B
5. B	10. A	15. B	20. C	25. D

SECTION B

31a. -Condition of the storage area
-Presence of foreign materials and dust
-Stage at which the forage is cut
-Weather conditions

31b. Hay is cut after maturity
Create stable piles
It is then stacked into piles or conical shapes
Leave small gaps for air to circulate

32a. Use clean containers
Use airtight containers

32b. It saves on cost

32c. Quality-check for any signs of spoilage

- Amount of food to be reheated-reheat only what you need as reheating more than once kills the food nutrients
- Labelling- start with previously stored food

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- 33a. It conserves soil and improves soil health
- It reduces reliance on chemical fertilizers
 - Reduces water wastage
 - Encourages recycling of organic waste
 - Energy conservation as you can use economical sources of energy such as biogas

33b.i) Combines crop production, poultry rearing and fish rearing in the same piece of land

- ii) Water conservation
- Improves soil fertility
 - Maximum utilization of resources
 - Conservation of energy
 - Saves on cost of production

34a. neem, tobacco, chilli pyrethrum, chilli pepper, lemon

34b. High nitrogen content

- Should be leafy
- Should be fast growing
- Should be able to decompose quickly

34c. crop rotation, pruning weeding, companion planting

35a) granary

35b) Empty the previous produce

- Repair cracks
- Seal leaking holes
- Dust the granary
- Proper ventilation
- Put deflectors on the stands
- Clean the structure before storage of a fresh crop produce

36a) batter

- dough

36b) baking powder

- yeast

37a) loosely coloured article

b) separate the whites ones first from the rest

38. blue plate

- family service style

39a) cutworm

39b) use of wood ash solution

- introducing beneficial insects
- use of organic pesticides
- handpicking of the pest
- introduction of beneficial insects
- uprooting heavily infested plants

40. Use of shallow water pans

- Use of water pans
- Use of dams
- Diversion channels

41. Improves soil fertility after the trash decompose

- Reduces the speed of the surface run off thus increasing water infiltration
- Traps soil particles

42. age, gender, health status, occasion, cost

43. Drainage

- Accessibility
- Fertility of the soil
- Pest and diseases management
- Slopeness of the land
- Exposure to sunlight

CREATIVE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES PAPER M 2025

PART 1: CREATIVE ARTS

1. When creating overlapped forms

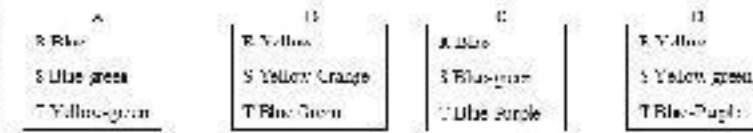
- Place objects that are closer the you in front
- Place small objects at the back
- Place all objects at the same level
- Place larger objects closer to you

2. When making a picture composition textural affect can be created with these techniques except

- Shading
- Tinting
- Tonal value
- Light effect

3. Timothy a grade 4 learner mixed primary with a secondary colour in equal amounts as shown in the table below. Which set of colours correctly identifies the boxes labelled R, S, and T?

PRIMARY	R	BLUE
SECONDARY	YELLOW-GREEN	T
Green	S	
Orange		
Purple		Blue-Purple



4. Mwangi took a photograph of Nairobi city. At what angle was Mwangi's view if the city looked actual?

- Worm eye view
- straight eye view
- Normal eye view
- Bird's eye view

5. Grade 6 learners at Elimu Primary School made a picture composition by cutting and pasting small pictures with similar theme. The pictorial composition created is a

- Collage
- Flip book
- Mosaic
- Montage

6. When weaving a mat on a loom:

- Wefts run parallel across the loom
- Wefts run downwards from top to bottom
- Warps run diagonally across the loom
- Warps are interlaced across the wefts

7. Kivoi created a pattern on a wooden cooking stick by placing it over a lit frame a candle. This decoration technique is referred to as

- Texturing
- Buffing
- Smoking
- Burning

8. Three dimensional letters appear to have

- Height and length
- Ascenders and descenders
- Length, width and height
- Width and height

9. _____ is a method a decorating a fabric by using pieces of fabric and other materials.

- Batic
- Applique
- Tritic
- Tie and dye

10. Which one of the following information is not found on a book jacket?

- The author
- The title
- The content
- Illustration

11. Mwachonda, grade 6 boy at Mwambaza Pmry School made the musical instrument shown. The instruments are played by



- Hitting
- Shaking
- Drumming
- Blowing

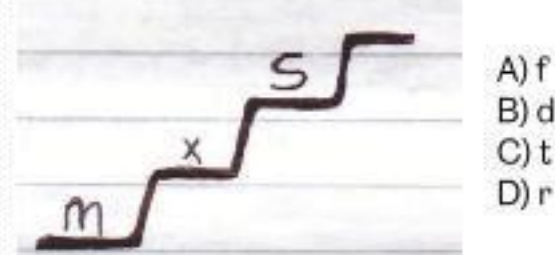
12. Wairimu leads a troop of dancers in performing a Mbeere folk dance. Wairimu is a

- Music coordinator
- Choirmaster
- Soloist
- Adjudicator

13. Which type of songs connect learners with their culture and traditions

- sacred songs
- patriotic songs
- Tropical songs
- Folk songs

14. Fill-in the missing solfa note on the ladder



- f
- d
- t
- r

15. Folk dance performers decorate their body before presenting their song on stage. This is referred to as

- Body adornment
- Props
- Costumes
- Vocal ornamentation

16. A fiddle is played through

- Blowing
- Bowing
- drumming
- Hitting

17. The lowness or highness in singing is described as

- Rhythm
- Pitch
- Mood
- Climax

18. An Entono is a stringed musical instrument among the

- Akamba community
- Iteso community
- Abakuria community
- Luo community

19. In singing, crescendo means

- Gradually decreasing the volume
- Gradually getting louder
- Gradually getting softer
- Going back to the beginning

20. C D E F G A B C represents a _____ scale

- D-major
- F-minor
- G-minor
- C-major

21. Below are passing skills in a game of soccer. Which one is not?

- chest pass
- Inside of foot pass
- Outside of foot pass
- Instep pass

22. Which one of the following boxes contain field events only?



23. The following are technical approaches in a game of rounders. Which one is not?

- Throwing
- Stamping
- Catching
- Landing

24. Below are legal touches in a game of Kabaddi except

- Toe touch
- Scorpion kick
- Frog touch
- Stamp touch

25. The following are equipments in the game of Tag Rugby. Which one is not?

- Training cones
- Tag belt
- Rugby net
- Rugby ball

Use the picture below to answer question 26 and 27

26. The volleyball skill demonstrated in the picture below is



- Under arm serve
- The 'dig'
- The volley
- The spike

27. The volley ball technique represented by the picture is commonly used to

- Set the ball for the teammate to spike
- Receive a served ball.
- Serve the ball across the net.
- Receive and pass the ball to the opponent

28. Stretching or tearing of ligaments or tissues in the body is referred to as

- Bruise
- Sprain
- Dislocation
- Strain

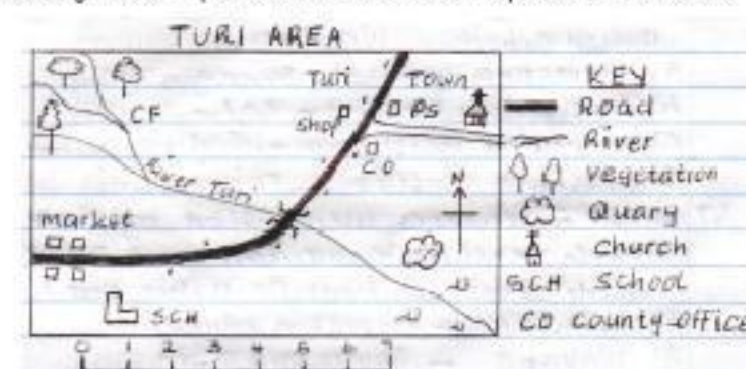
29. Alcohol and drug abuse in sport is discouraged for the following reasons except?

- It affects the kidney and the liver
- It slows brain function
- It causes lung complications
- It makes sportmen relax after the games

30. Use of a substance or technique to illegally improve athletic performance is known as?

- Stereotype
- Energizing
- Doping
- Addiction

Study the map below and answer questions 31-33



31. Kago walked from school to the church. Which direction did he take?

- South west
- North
- North East
- East

32. Which economic activity is not carried out in Turi area?

- Fishing
- Mining
- Trading
- Transport

33. People living in Turi area get water from the

- Tank
- Dam
- Borehole
- River

34. Below are Historic Built Environment. Which one is not?

- Museum
- Mountains
- Historic buildings
- Cultural centre

35. Three of the following crops are product of horticultural farming except?

- Carrots
- Spinach
- Tea
- Potatoes

36. Which human activity is wrongly matched with the weather it is carried out?

- Harvesting grain - sunny
- Transplanting seedlings - calm
- Winnowing millet grains - windy
- Washing clothes - rainy

37. Grade 5 learners were asked by their social studies teacher to mention some aspect of culture. Who mentioned the wrong one?

- Kambua - western education
- Wakamba - games and sports
- Wanjeri - songs and dances
- Komu - ceremonies and functions

38. Below eye descriptions of a traditional leader

- was a Giriama prophet
 - was born around 1840
 - was arrested and sent to Kisii for fighting British
- The leader described above was
- Kivoi wa mwendwa
 - Mekatilili wa menza
 - Oloibon lenana
 - Koitalel samoye

39. _____ is a state where Kenyan citizens are allowed to take part in decision making?

- Human rights
- Constitution
- Democracy
- Election

40. Three of the following methods are used to teach children in the past except?

- Stories
- Riddles
- Reading
- Observation

41. From the parable of the three servants who were given gold coins, we learn to

- Forgive those who wrong us
- Pray without giving up
- Help the poor people among us
- Use our God given talents well

42. In Genesis 2:15, God placed man in the Garden of Eden to

- Cultivate and take care of it
- Eat all the fruits in the garden
- Multiply and fill the earth
- Talk to the serpent.

43. Any work that is against the rights of children is referred to as?

- Child abuse
- Child labour
- Child responsibility
- Child duty

44. The following are values that learners get when they use the Holy Bible as a guide. Which one is not?

- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Selfishness
- Humility

45. King Solomon asked God for wisdom in order to

- Settle dispute between the two fighting women
- Make his people rich and prosperous
- Rule God's people with just and fairness
- Build a temple for God

46. Which one of the following is a clear demonstration that Christian are co-workers with God?

- Clearing forest to create land to build factories
- Killing birds which destroy our crops
- Cultivating near river banks
- Taking care of wild animals in their environment.

47. From the contest between prophet Elijah and

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Baal gods at Mount Carmel, Christian learn that

A) God answers prayers of the faithful
B) God should be prayed loudly
C) God lives on mountains
D) God sometimes go to sleep

48. Leisure time can be used inappropriately by

A) Visiting the sick in hospital
B) Idle talks and gossip
C) Cleaning the environment
D) Watching Bible videos

49. Below are books found in the Bible which box containing books written by Moses?

A	B	C	D
Mathew John	Proverbs Psalms	Sermon Kings Chronicles	Genesis Exodus Leviticus

50. Which commandment or reminds Christian to put god first?

A) Respect your father and mother
B) Do not steal
C) Obey the Sabbath and keep it holy
D) Do not murder

ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. "Qul Huwa Llahu Ahad, Allahu Swammad"
This is the beginning of Surah

A. Ikhlas. B. Falaq. C. Nas. D. Nasr.

2. "Nasrillah" is found in Surah An-Nasr which means the

A. Blessings of Allah [SW].
B. Help of Allah [SW].
C. Names of Allah [SW].
D. Power of Allah [SW].

3. The following can lead one to take intoxicants EXCEPT

A. Idleness. B. Frustration.
C. Peer pressure. D. Obedience.

4. Three of the following are ways by which Israf is commonly done. Which one is NOT?

A. Money. B. Reading.
C. Food. D. Possession.

5. The main reason why Muslims are encouraged to seek lawful means of earning is because it

A. Enables them to assist their families.
B. Is an act of Ihsan.
C. Is an act of Ibaada.
D. Enable them to earn respect.

6. Rahma, a Grade seven girl does not like the way her non-Muslim friend's mode of dressing. As a

Muslim, what advice would you give her? To be

A. Tolerant. B. Humble.
C. Honest. D. Disciplined.

7. Why are Muslims asked to be kind even when slaughtering an animal?

A. Its meat becomes tastier.
B. Its meat can stay for long.
C. Not to scare away the animal.
D. Animals are Allah's creatures, they have feelings too.

8. What is the main reason for maintaining cleanliness to our environment?

A. To avoid being arrested by police.
B. So that children can play safely.
C. To show appreciation to Allah [SW]'s creation.
D. To keep our homes free from bad smell.

9. On his way home, Salim finds a dog drowning in a pool of water. Which one of the following actions should he take?

A. Leave the dog to die.
B. Save the dog from dying.
C. Beat it with a stone.
D. Take a photo of it and show his friends.

10. The BEST moment when the Prophet [P.b.u.h] showed forgiveness and tolerance is when he

A. Conquered Makkah.
B. Won battle of Badr.
C. Returned from Miiraj.
D. Went to Hijra.

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1. A	14. A	27. A	40. C
2. C	15. A	28. B	41. D
3. B	16. B	29. D	42. A
4. D	17. B	30. C	43. B
5. B	18. C	31. C	44. C
6. A	19. B	32. A	45. C
7. C	20. D	33. D	46. D
8. C	21. A	34. B	47. A
9. B	22. A	35. C	48. B
10. D	23. D	36. D	49. D
11. B	24. D	37. A	50. C
12. C	25. C	38. B	
13. D	26. C	39. C	

ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. A	6. A
2. B	7. D
3. D	8. C
4. B	9. B
5. C	10. A

PRIMARY SCHOOLS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION RESULTS, SEPTEMBER 2025

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Tr. Sherine Aketch

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Tr. Brian

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